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Smithfield Monthly Mtg
Minutes

1950 – 1961
NEW ENGLAND YEARLY
MEETING OF FRIENDS

Graves in East Blackstone Quaker Cemetery from 1955-56

Nelson Morris (deceased) Elm St. E. Blackstone
Charlotte Morris (his wife) " "
Sydney Blake (deceased) " "
Ella Blake (his wife)
Kenneth " (son)
Robert Hall 9/25/56 Pd. $20
Helen " "
Mrs. Arnold Rennie (deceased) '63
Mr. " "
Frederick Daniels + son (deceased) '64 bought graves $20

Elwood + Mildred Rennie '64 bought graves $20

1-27-'50 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. First Month 27, 1950.

The Monthly Report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $67.10 in General Fund with all bills paid to date.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer has been read and approved The following is a copy.

Treasurer's Report.

For the year ending December 31, 1949.

Receipts.

Balance in General Fund Dec. 31, 1948	$200.04
General Collections	2081.89
Special "	67.35
Int. & dividends from Invested Funds	359.69
For United Budget, C.A.R.E., A.F.S. Com.	160.12
From Ladies' Aid Society	50.00
From E. Blackstone Cemetery Fund	14.00
Proceeds from bond called	1024.50
Proceeds from supper (sponsored by Fin. Com.)	53.13
Refund on light bills	24.00
Misc. Income	38.06
	$4072.78

Expenses

Pastor's salary	$1508.00
Janitor's "	180.00
Yearly Meeting Quota	329.93
United Budget	126.12
C.A.R.E., Amer. Friends Service Com. & Misc. Donations	138.93
Lights, Fuel & Water	337.73
Insurance - Mtg. house & Parsonage	174.61
E. Blackstone Cemetery work	14.00
To Investment Com. for purchase of bond	1024.50
Misc. Expenses	118.73
	$3952.55

Total Receipts	$4072.78
" Expenditures	3952.55
Bal. on hand in Gen. Fund 12/31/1949.	$120.23

Respectfully submitted, Nellie M. Fisher, Treasurer

1-27-'50 This report has been audited and found correct by Russel J. Ross.

Annual donation day for Woonsocket Hospital Aid occurs Second Month, 12th. With the approval of the Finance Committee the loose collection on that date will be sent to their treasurer.

A letter from the Five Years' Meeting urges each meeting to meet its obligation to the United Budget by March 31st.

A letter from Lindley J. Cook, Chairman of Stewardship Committee of Yearly Meeting, reminds us that unless our efforts are increased we will fail to meet our Quota.

The Finance Committee has submitted the budget for year 1950, which we approve.

Helen S. France is appointed with the Clerk to prepare the Statistical Report for Yearly Meeting.

A letter from Eunice Meader thanking the meeting for greetings received from the Relief and Sunshine Committee has been read

The Relief and Sunshine Committee report that cards have been sent to four "shut-ins".
Eunice Meader, Everett + Anne Aldrich, Martha Smith, G. McNamara

The Chairman of Finance Committee made a few suggestions for improving Church property, both inside + outside - insulation, storm windows, change in rest room, new covering for entry, etc.

Russell Brooks called our attention to the duplex envelopes, explaining that if five cents was placed in the budget side each week, our obligation would

1-27-'50 be met. He spoke of the efficient work of the Finance Committee, the Chairman in particular.

The Local Committee of Church Women affiliated with National Council requests an official delegate from this Meeting. We appoint Barbara Brooks to that office. Our treasurer is authorized to pay the annual dues of ($3) three dollars to Council Treasurer

After announcements of coming events, our business being accomplished, we adjourned
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

Preceding the business meeting a covered dish supper was enjoyed by about thirty members
Following the meeting, film strips of Japan with an interesting talk by Barbara Brooks was well received

2-24-'50 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Second Month 24, 1950.

The report of the Treasurer for the month of January has been read showing a balance of $178.61 on hand with all bills paid.

Russell Brooks has received a letter from Virginia & Phillip Fowle requesting an opportunity, at a future date, to show pictures of England and Holland, particularly among Friends of those countries

We have also received a letter from Millicent Foster informing us that members of the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee are available to speak before our group at either a called meeting or at our Monthly Meeting.

Russell Brooks is appointed to correspond with

2-24-'50 these Friends inviting them to be present at either the March or April Monthly Meeting. It is suggested that one of the meetings might be a covered dish supper. We appoint Barbara Brooks, Marion Ross, Louise Taber to make arrangements for refreshments for our next programmed meeting.

The committee on the East Blackstone Cemetery present the following report:

This committee recently held a joint meeting with the three persons who, together with Smithfield Monthly Meeting have the use of the income from the Comstock Fund for the upkeep of the East Blackstone property. After a thorough discussion of the entire matter we are in substantial agreement as to the responsibility which the Meeting has as the owner of the property and the separate responsibility which it has with the other committee to use the income from the Comstock Fund for additional upkeep. As a result of this joint meeting and further discussions, we make the following recommendations:

1. That the Monthly Meeting treasurer receive and keep in an open account any and all money received from the use of the East Blackstone Cemetery.

2. That the Monthly Meeting treasurer draw on this account as occasion requires to pay the Meeting's part of the upkeep of the East Blackstone Cemetery.

3. That the fee asked for the use of the Cemetery be set at $10 per grave for the present.

4. That the Monthly Meeting enter on its Minutes the names of all persons buried in the East Blackstone Cemetery and the dates of burial,

2-24-'50 and that as far as possible the records be brought up to date.

5. That any member of this committee is authorized to approve the sale of graves in East Blackstone Cemetery upon recommendation of the "outside committee".

6. That a copy of the action following these recommendations be sent to the members of the outside committee concerned with the Comstock Fund.

The Meeting should be aware of the considerable service which the "outside committee" referred to, has given in caring for the Meeting's property during the past decades and in particular, the service of Schofield Kelly who seems best able to represent us in East Blackstone at present. He has consented to continue as a contact man in the village and to notify this committee when use of the cemetery is desired

This committee is not united on a recommendation which would solve the East Blackstone Meeting House problem, but it presents the following information and suggests that the Monthly Meeting act on the matter in the near future, making certain that all concerned are satisfied.

The outside committee on the Comstock Fund would be glad to see the building removed but they would be satisfied if it were repaired as necessary. They would be willing to have this Meeting use the money in the East Blackstone Meeting House Fund for outside repairs provided that this Meeting undertakes suitable interior repairs.

A majority of this committee feels that since there is not now in sight any considerable use of

2-24-'50 the Meeting house; it would be unwise to invest any further money or time in its restoration or upkeep. They see the possibility of giving the building to someone who would remove it from the grounds and then using the money in the "E. B. Meeting House Fund" to carry the Meeting's share of the Cemetery expense.

Some on this committee and some other Friends, however, believe that the cost of the necessary repairs would not be excessive and they contemplate volunteer labor as necessary to put it into usable condition. These Friends feel that if this building were to be restored, the way might very well open for occasional and perhaps frequent Quaker Meetings which would be very helpful.

The recommendations of the Committee in regard to the East Blackstone Cemetery is approved.

The matter of the E. Blackstone Meeting House is left for further consideration. Lloyd C. Arnold is willing to interview friends and members as to their ideas of the disposition of the building. He hopes for voluntary contributions.

Lloyd C. Arnold, chairman of caretakers, reports the need of new ceilings in two rooms of parsonage. He is authorized to have this work done.

A preaching United Protestant Mission is to be held in Woonsocket, R.I. under the auspices of the Ministers Association Third Month 5-12. Our Meeting is asked to underwrite the sum of ten dollars to help defray expenses. We approve of the Treasurer paying our share.

March 12 is set aside as a day for National Relief Contributions called "One Hour of Sharing". Most of the Protestant Churches will unite in this sharing, each denomina-

[illegible]-'50 tion, using the contributions for their respective relief organizations. We approve of a special offering to be sent to A.F.S.C.

No further business, we adjourn.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

[illegible] present.

3-31-'50 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Third Month, 31, 1950.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $151.71 on hand with all current bills paid.

The Committee appointed in First Month to prepare the Statistical Report present the appended copy. A copy is to be sent to the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting.

A letter from H. Chance enclosing a copy of World Interpreter has been received. A special introductory offer of ($2) two dollars for seven months is given.
We are also informed by the A.F.S.C. of Philadelphia that copies of "The U.S. + the Soviet Union" in pamphlet edition may be obtained at twenty-five cents a copy.

The Relief and Sunshine Committee report that cards were sent Gloria Allen, Mr. Hirst, Lela Smith, + Elizabeth Fisher.

A note of thanks for flowers sent Mrs. Elizabeth Fish on her 90th birthday has been read.

A letter from Kathryn M. Conlin, Cor. Sec. of Woonsocket Hospital Aid Association has been received thanking the Meeting for our contribution Hospital Sunday.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting for 1949.

1.	Number of Members last year,	130
2.	Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,	
3.	Additions by Birth,	
4.	Additions by Request,	1
5.	Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,	
6.	Additions by Letter from another Denomination,	
7.	Total Additions,	1
8.	Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,	
9.	Loss by Death,	
10.	Loss by Disownment,	
11.	Loss by Resignation,	2
12.	Loss by Discontinuance,	
13.	Loss by Certificate to Another Friends Meeting,	1
14.	Loss by Letter to another Denomination,	1
15.	Total Loss,	4
16.	Number of Members this year,	127
17.	Net Gain,	
18.	Net Loss,	3
19.	Number of Males,	53
20.	Number of Females,	74
21.	Number under 21 years of age,	26
22.	Number of Associate Members,	30
23.	Number of Associate Members Transferred to Active Membership,	
24.	Number of Resident Members,	106
25.	Number of Non-Resident Members,	21

3-31-50 A letter has been read from J. Franklin Pineo, Finance Secretary of New England Regional Office of A. F. S. C. thanking all good friends for our contribution of ($55) fifty-five dollars to A. F. S. C. in the nation wide "One Great Hour of Sharing".

Letters have been sent to all members of the Meeting by our pastor, in which they were informed of Monthly Meeting action regarding East Blackstone (Meeting House) Cemetery.

Since the letter went out, Russell Brooks has been informed that two of the "outside committee" are in favor of retaining the E. B. Meeting House and are interesting people to give toward repairing it. Other friends in the Meeting have offered assistance.

A letter from the A. F. S. C. Regional Office asks that an official representative be appointed to have charge of collecting, sewing and shipping clothes. The Regional Office wishes an estimate of clothing shipped each month.

We feel that more time should be given to canvass the field for a suitable Representative. No action is taken at this time.

The returns from the Preaching Mission will be announced at a later Monthly Meeting.

The expense of films of our Mission Fields for this evening, including mailing is ($1.25) one dollar and twenty-five cents. We approve of our Treasury defraying this expense.

Russell Brooks has been appointed to the Peace Board Committee which meets in Richmond, Indiana, Fourth Month 18-28. We approve of releasing R. Brooks for this service. The question of supply to be taken care of by the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, any expense incurred to be

3-31-'50 borne by this Meeting.

Millicent Foster has arranged for Robert & Ruth Burgess to attend our April Monthly Meeting in the interests of the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee, as suggested at our last Monthly Meeting.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
12 present
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

At the close of the Business Meeting, Eleanor Mowry & Russell Brooks showed colored films of our Mission Fields which were interesting & instructive.
12 members.

4-28-'50 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fourth Month 28, 1950.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $70.47 on hand in General Fund with all current bills paid.

The report of the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting with the approval of the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel will be given at our next meeting. A copy will be forwarded to the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting.

The Queries have been read and we appoint Marion Ross, Martha Smith, Edith Smith, Alan Emery, Louise [illegible] Richard McNamara, Emerson Mowry, H. A. Pendleton as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting in Worcester, Mass. Fifth Month 13, 1950.

A letter from Lindley J. Cross informs us that at a recent Permanent Board Meeting it was suggested that we adopt a unified voluntary budget for all activities of the church. Comments are solicited on the suggestion. Our members are encouraged to keep this in mind and give as they are prospered.

4-28-'50 Russell Brooks reports a rebate of $8, eight dollars on Preaching Mission.

Preceding the Business Meeting a delicious covered dish supper was enjoyed, prepared by Barbara Brooks, Marion Rose and Louise Fisher.

At the close of the Meeting Robert Burgess from Providence Meeting, a member of Yearly Meeting Peace Committee spoke informally stressing the thought that the solving of international, economical & local problems lies in the seeds of love, neighborliness and good will sown by each one of us. A positive Christianity is necessary. A discussion period ended a pleasant program.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

24 in attendance
9 members

5-26-'50 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R. I., Fifth Month 26, 1950.

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Russell Brooks was asked to serve.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $91.96 in General Fund with all current bills paid.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all but two attended.

A card from the Yearly Meeting Stewardship Committee informs us that the Budget for Activities is over the top. It is hoped that by May 30th the entire budget will have been paid. Our quota is paid.

An announcement of New England Institute of International Relations 19th annual session

5-26-'50 has been received giving dates of June 26-July 2. This is under the auspices of A.F.S.C. & will be held at Springfield College, Springfield, Mass. Subject-"World Peace and Economic Tensions".

A letter from Curtis A. Johnson, Principal of Friendsville Academy, Friendsville, Tenn. expresses appreciation for faithfulness of friends & teachers of the school that has made possible the additions and alterations this past year. He solicits our interest in continuing our help.

We appreciate the presence of our Young People and feel encouraged to know they are being fitted to carry on the business and activities of the Meeting.

As we anticipate a number of visiting Friends within the next month it seems only fair that the Meeting bear the expense of entertaining. Russell and Barbara Brooks are gracious hosts but we must do our part. We are united in the suggestion that extra expense be borne by Monthly Meeting.

Russell Brooks announced the visitors as Merton Scott, Olaf Hanson (13-14), Phillip & Susie Frayer, son Thomas. The latter are to requested to attend the June Monthly Meeting.

The following are appointed a committee to make arrangements for a picnic supper at the June Mtg.; Martha Smith, Ruth Smith, Eleanor Mowry.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

6-30-'50 At Smithfield Monthly of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Sixth Month 30, 1950.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $66.08 in General Fund with all current bills paid.

A letter from R.I. Council of Churches reminds us that the work of the Council requires a generous response. Enclosed is a report of amounts given last year. Our contribution was $10 and it is hoped that this amount may be increased. We are united in instructing our Treasurer to give the usual amount of $10.

A letter and pamphlet regarding New England High School Institutes held at Friendly Crossways, Harvard, Mass. under auspices of A.F.S.C. is at hand + will be placed on bulletin. We encourage our young people to attend, if possible.

A report from the Boston office regarding "One Great Hour of Sharing" gives a total of $1054.61. Enclosed with report is a pamphlet entitled "The Case Against the Draft."

The matter of discontinuing Meetings for Worship during August is considered. We approve of omitting Meetings during Eighth Month granting our pastor four weeks' vacation with pay, resuming services in Ninth Month.

The Ministers' Association has requested that United Services be held here Eighth Month 20th. As Russell Brooks is willing to be present at this time, we approve.

The Meeting of Ministry and Counsel recommend the names of Gail Ross, Marcia Jane Smith, Stuart D. Smith, Margaret Follett, Douglas L

6-30-'50 Follett, Melba F. Worrall and Gloria Allen for active membership in the Society of Friends. The recommendation is accepted and the clerk is directed to notify them of our action. The time of welcoming them into the Meeting is left in care of the pastor.

We appreciate the untiring work of Russell Brooks in instructing these young people in the faith and practice of Friends.

The Clerk of Ministry and Counsel informed the Meeting it was the wish of that Meeting that the applications be dated and signed by the Monthly Meeting Clerk and returned to the applicants.

The Clerk of Ministry & Counsel with the pastor are to confer with adult members who are on the list of associate members, inviting them to become active.

Russell Brooks has informed the Meeting of his appointment as Assistant Field Secretary of N.E. Yearly Meeting. He trusts that the work will be of a beneficial nature to him and the meeting.

We are united in granting the use of the church for the wedding of Barbara Dufresne, a member of this meeting, to Lloyd Rhodes.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

Previous to Monthly Meeting a picnic supper was held on the lawn with Philip, Susie & Thomas Frazer as guests.

After the business meeting we enjoyed the songs and messages of the Frazers who are engaged in work of Indians in our mission field at Hominy, Okla.

7-28-50. At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Seventh Month 28, 1950

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Henrietta A. Pendleton is appointed to serve.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $79.41 in General Fund with all current bills paid.

A letter from James A. Coney regarding a conference to be held at Moses Brown School in Ninth Month has been read. We encourage as many as possible to attend.

The Queries have been read and we appoint M. B. Fisher, Grace Mc Namara, Barbara Brooks, Richard Mc Namara, Adam Ewen, Marcia Smith with others who may attend as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting in Bolton, Mass, Eighth Month 12th.

We approve of resuming Morning Meetings for Worship on the tenth of Ninth Month.

A letter from Paul Butterworth, Chairman of Central Advisory Committee informs us of the uniting of several Yearly Meeting Committees. This letter will be read at the Meeting for Worship by our pastor.

A meeting of the Central Advisory Committee is to be held here Eighth Month 11th. Barbara Brooks is appointed to prepare light refreshments, calling on other members for help.

The Sunshine Committee report cards sent to five members and flowers to one.

The Meeting welcomed our recently appointed members in the Meeting for Worship, Seventh Month ninth.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

8-25-'50 As no quorum was present, no Monthly Meeting was held

9-29-'50 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Ninth Month 29, 1950

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $ 36.50 with all bills paid to date.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that six attended

A letter from Lester C. Haworth, chairman Joint Finance Committee urges us to continue financial support to A. F. Fellowship Council + Friends World Committee, American Section. An invitation for voluntary contributions will be given from the pulpit at a later date.

A letter dated Ninth Month 14 from Central Advisory Committee has been read. It is a reminder which will be sent monthly regarding our obligation to the United Budget.

A letter giving the report and recommendations of Yearly Meeting Finance Committee in Sixth Month has been read and will be placed on file with Finance Committee for future reference

A letter with a pamphlet "Conscientious Objectors under Selective Service" has been received from Harold Chance through A.F.S.C. Copies may be secured for young Friends within the draft age. This pamphlet will be placed in the hands of Russell Brooks a member of Yearly Meeting Peace Committee

Russell Brooks is unable to be with us at First Day Morning Worship. Oliver Frazer has been invited as supply pastor. We are united in directing our Treasurer to give Mr. Frazer a check for $10.

9-29-'50 Bessie Ewen is appointed chairman of Supper Committee for Quarterly Meeting with power to choose her helpers.

The Committee of arrangements for Quarterly Meeting is Russell Brooks, Muriel McFee and Emerson D. Mowry.

A letter from Helen S. France resigning as a member of the Investment Committee has been read. We appreciate her services since Fourth Month 1927 and feel that we have been fortunate in having had one so well qualified to handle financial affairs. The resignation is laid on the table for now. Russel Ross & Lloyd C. Arnold are added to the committee. The Clerk is directed to convey the thanks of the Meeting to Helen.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

10-27-'50 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Tenth Month 27, 1950.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $111.69 on hand in General Fund for Ninth Month.

A letter from the Central Advisory Committee stresses the individual responsibility of each member in raising the United Budget on a voluntary basis.

The Queries have been read and considered, and we appoint Russel Ross, Emerson D. Mowry, Mae B. Todd, Adam L. Ewen, Gloria Allen, Barbara Brooks, Melba Worrall, Barbara Rhodes as Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting to be held here Eleventh Month 11, 1950.

Bessie Ewen reports that the other members of her committee are Louise Taber, Marion Ross, Edna Trask, Frances Penny.

10-27-'50 Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

11-24-'50 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Eleventh Month 24, 1950.

The report of Treasurer shows a balance of $107.47 in General Fund with all bills paid.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all were present

The Committee on Quarterly Meeting arrangements inform us that a panel of four delegates who attended Five Years Meeting gave interesting echoes of the Meeting. Special music was provided by Lloyd Arnold & Barbara Brooks, with group singing by young people constituted the Saturday evening program.

The Supper Committee reports that about eighty people had supper at an expense of $25.99 which was covered by contributions. All pronounced it an excellent meal. Both committees deserve our appreciation, the supper committee especially.

The following are appointed to serve as a Committee to choose officers and committees for the ensuing year. According to the new Discipline this committee submits names of Elders also. Committee - Lloyd C. Arnold, Muriel Mc Fee, Emerson Mowry, Bessie Ewen, Henrietta A. Pendleton.

A letter from Harold Chance, Secretary Friends Peace Service asks us to support Church Peace Mission by our prayers, thoughts and contributions. This Mission is asking Christian people to spread the pacifist interpretation of the Gospel

11-24-'50 and thus "break with war". We approve of donating ten dollars ($10) to this cause.

A card has been received asking for names & addresses of Friends now residing in Florida.

At our August Meeting the resignation of Helen S. France from Investment Committee was tabled. As she had served as Chairman it will be necessary to designate one of the Committee to receive checks, make reports, etc. This should be done at once as banks desire information. The clerk is directed to notify the banks that hereafter checks are to be made payable to Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends and mailed to Russel Ross.

Since our last Monthly Meeting, Helen S. France a beloved member of this meeting has been called to her Heavenly Home.
Her training as a lawyer, her business ability, and her judgment made her a valued member of the Investment Committee, an office which she held for twenty-three years.
She had served capably on many committees in this Meeting and her passing leaves an emptiness which only time can fill.

A suggestion is made that forty dollars ($40) per month be paid our Yearly Meeting Treasurer. As more time is desired to consider this suggestion we approve of our Treasurer sending twenty-five dollars ($25) from treasury this month added to voluntary contributions.

Russell Brooks reporting for Chairman of Caretakers informs us that three storm windows @ $6.60 each, have been purchased for parsonage.

Margaret Follett, requests the use of the Meeting

11-24-'50 House for her wedding, December 9th. We heartily approve of granting the request.

As a matter of interest, Russell Brooks, reports that the class in Religious Education on released time is studying faiths of other religious groups. They are to visit the Jewish Synagogue at their next meeting.

No further business appearing, we conclude.
10 members present. Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

1-5-'51 - On account of weather conditions Twelfth Month 29, 1950, Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends was postponed to First Month 5, 1951

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $154.36 in the General Fund with all bills paid to date.

Sometime in February a preaching Mission is to be held in Woonsocket. All the churches are requested to underwrite the sum of ten dollars to help defray expenses. We approve of this + our Treasurer is requested to send check to the proper person.

A letter from the Rev. King Boutwell, pastor of The Central Baptist Church in Providence asks for a letter of transfer for Herbert A. Trenowith, a member of this Meeting. We are united in granting this request and the Clerk is directed to so notify him.

Our Chairman of Central Advisory Committee reminds us that only 39% of the Voluntary Budget has been paid + urges increased contributions.
We are united in instructing the treasurer to send forty dollars ($40) per month for the Voluntary Budget; taking deficit from the General Fund

1-5-'51 The report of the Sunshine Committee shows that 13 Get Well cards, 1 birthday card, 1 sympathy card and 2 bouquets were sent during the past year.

The Report of the Nominating Committee follows:
Clerk Melita B. Fisher
Asst. Clerk Bessie H. Ewen
Treasurer Nellie M. Fisher
Correspondent Mae B. Todd
Elders
Terms expire 1953 Joseph C. Estes
Adam L. Ewen
Grace McNamara
Terms expire 1952 Melita B. Fisher
Lloyd C. Arnold
Russel J. Ross
Terms expire 1951 Mabel A. Thayer
Henrietta A. Pendleton

Finance Committee - Russel J. Ross, Nellie M. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Adam L. Ewen, Merriel McFee, Emerson Mowry, Lester Taber

Caretakers - Lloyd C. Arnold, Adam L. Ewen, Merriel McFee, Lester Taber, Lauriston Smith

Relief and Sunshine Committee - Addie G. Paine, Rachel L. Smith, Leona A. Ewen, Henrietta A. Pendleton.

Missionary Committee - Barbara L. Brooks, Leona A. Ewen, Ruth Smith, Bessie I. Ewen, Mae B. Todd, Barbara Dufresne Rhodes.

Young Peoples Activities Committee - Louise Taber, Eleanor Mowry, Martha Smith, Marion A. Ross Stuart Smith, Melba Worrall, Barbara Brooks

1-5-'51 Cemetery Committees.
Mapleville - Joseph C. Estes
Woonsocket - Adam L. Ewen, Carleton Aldrich
East Blackstone - Russell D. Brooks, Russell J. Ross, Henrietta A. Pendleton, Melita B. Fisher, Richard McNamara.

Ushers - Russell J. Ross, Emerson Mowry, Lester Faber.

Music Committee - Lloyd C. Arnold, Barbara Brooks, Melita B. Fisher, Laura Follett.

The Finance Committee is commended for its work throughout the year. The chairman extends thanks to the pastor for his cooperation.

We appreciate the work of officers and committees as well as the untiring services of Russell & Barbara Brooks during the past year.

On Monday January 22, a meeting will be held at the church with Dorothy Steere, wife of Douglass Steere as a speaker of charm. Winnifred Barrett, Russell Johnson, Secretary of Peace-sub-committee will accompany her. Providence Meeting is to be invited to attend. Marion Ross is appointed with others of her choice to arrange for light refreshments

A letter from A.F.S.C. Peace Section encloses a booklet "Christ in Catastrophe" by Emil Fuchs which we are invited to read. It is suggested that these booklets which we receive, be added to our Sunday School library.

We are united (in) that the February Month ly Meeting be in the form of a covered dish supper.

The Finance Committee are requested to have Bulletins printed.

A statement from a called conference of Friends in Richmond, Ind.(sends) "A Positive Witness in Today's World" which they hope will be used for study and discussion has been received. Copies of this statement are available.

"Common Ventures of Life" by D. Elton Trueblood is a suitable gift for newlyweds. We are united in underwriting two of these books as gifts. One has been given to Margaret Follett Hicks from Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, having reimbursed Russell D. Brooks.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

1-26-'51 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. First Month 26, 1951

The report of the treasurer shows a balance of $199.72 in General Fund with all bills paid to date.

The Annual Report of Treasurer has been read and approved. The following is a copy:

Treasurer's Report.
For the year ending December 31, 1950.
Receipts

Balance in General Fund Dec. 31, 1949	$120.23
General collections	2,244.23
Special "	215.85
Int. & Dividends from Invested Funds	221.00
From Building Fund	100.10
For United Budget	221.64

1-26-51	For A. F. S. C. & CARE	$110.00
	For Parsonage Repair Fund	67.50
		3,308.45

Expenses

Pastor's salary	$1486.00
Supply	20.00
Janitor's salary	165.00
Yearly Mtg. Quota (Jan. to June)	131.27
United Budget	270.67
A. F. S. C. & CARE	110.00
Fuel, light and water	384.19
Insurance - Mtg. House & Parsonage	166.73
Repairs " " "	132.68
Miscellaneous Donations	149.20
" Expenses	85.22
	$3100.96

Total Receipts	$3308.45
" Expenditures	3100.96
Balance on hand	$207.49

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) Nellie M. Fisher, Treasurer

This report has been audited and found correct by Russel Ross.

Appreciation is extended our Treasurer for continued service

A statement from Ernest Ainsworth, Y.M. Treasurer informs us that only 45% of funds needed had been received Dec. 31

The eleventh of Second Month is the date for the annual contribution to the Hospital. With the approval of the Finance Committee the loose collection on that date will be sent to the Treasurer of Hospital Aid.

The Finance Committee has submitted its budget of $3417 for the year 1951, which we approve. This is an increase of $136 in pastor's

1-26-51 salary which is approved

The Finance Committee is instructed to obtain information on Social Security for the pastor.

Mae B. Todd & Eunice Estes are appointed with the Clerk to prepare the Statistical Report for Yearly Meeting.

A letter from the Massachusetts Committee for C. O's has been received and read. Assistance to young men of any faith is extended. The Committee would appreciate financial aid. We suggest that this communication be placed in the hands of our pastor to be used at his discretion.

The Sunshine Committee reports 3 Get Well cards sent.

A notice of Annual Mtg. of A. F. S. C. to be held in Cambridge, Mass. Second Month 10th has been read.

The following committee is appointed to arrange for a covered dish supper at the February Monthly Meeting - Barbara Brooks, Bessie F. Evans & Martha Smith.

James A. Coney will be in attendance to show films of the Mission work in Cuba. 6:15 is the hour suggested for supper.

No further business appearing we conclude.

10 Present

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

2-23-51 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I., Second Month 23, 1951

The report of Treasurer shows a balance of $ 320.35 in general treasury with all bills paid.

2-23-51 A card from Central Office gives a statement of money received on $13,370 Yearly Meeting budget.

A bulletin of Temperance Information issued by Board on Peace and Social Concerns of the (5) Five Years Meeting of Friends containing some pertinent quotations from "The Christian Evangelist" and "Alcohol & People" has been received.

A magazine Listen is recommended, promoting total abstinence & better family life at 15cts. a copy.

An illustrated booklet showing work among the Indians and suggesting ways we can help has been received.

A communication from Russell Brooks, a member of Yearly Meeting (of) Ministry & Counsel Committee urging the Monthly Meeting to discuss the sections of Discipline referring to membership pages 71, 79, 80 and also p. 75. As this subject will be discussed at the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel at Yearly Meeting we are asked to be ready and willing to participate.

It seems advisable for Meeting of Ministry & Counsel, after deliberation, to suggest to the Monthly Meeting just what part as a Meeting we should take in this matter.

The New England Friend advises the placing of orders for the new Disciplines which will be ready in April. Clothbound copies $1, paper bound 50cts. It is suggested that copies be obtained for distribution in the Meeting. The matter is referred to Meeting of Ministry and Counsel.

A letter from Dorothy Wilson Rose of Hillsboro, Oregon has been received by our pastor

2-23-51 asking for a transfer of membership to the First Methodist Church of Hillsboro, Oregon.

With regret the resignation is accepted and the Clerk will so notify her and her name will be taken from our membership list.

A letter from Harold Chance asks each one of us to urge the authorities in Washington to find another way of life rather than by military training and service

The caretakers have investigated the possibility of providing adequate toilet facilities and are prepared to get prices if the meeting so desires. We approve of their plans. After further consideration figures will be presented at our next meeting.

James A. & Elsie Coney are acceptably present at this Meeting. We appreciate the fellowship and helpfulness that we have received from them through the years. We wish them a happy year in Virginia but hope that New England will look so good to them at the end of one year that they will return to us and dine once more.

A meeting with a program for the Monthly Meeting in March is suggested following a covered dish supper. A committee of arrangements will be appointed as way opens.

No further business appearing, we conclude.

Mildred E. Dickerson.

33 present

3-30-5 At Smithfield Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Third Month 1951.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $338.13 on hand with all bills paid.

3-30-'51 A reminder from Central Office has been received informing us that up to Second Month 28, only 61% of the United Budget has been received. The notice also announces Yearly Meeting dates as ~~fifth~~ 2nd Month 19-24 at Andover, Mass.

A recommendation from Meeting of Ministry and Counsel suggesting that fifteen (15) cloth bound and thirty-five (35) paper bindings of the new Disciplines be purchased, meets with our approval and the Treasurer is authorized to purchase these, receiving reimbursement as way opens.

The caretakers present a report of suggested changes in ladies' room on first floor of church building which is acceptable to this meeting. The changes suggested are - a new flush closet, hot water extended to wash bowl, a mirror to be hung, walls and ceiling painted, new lights added, a suitable curtain for window, wooden panels in door to replace the present glass, shelf and cupboard to be left as dressing table. The approximate cost between $250 and $275.

In addition to the above they recommend that the storage bin in basement be extended by doing away with the present men's room; that a door be placed in basement hall so that entrance to storage bins may be possible without entering kitchen. Much of the work here would be voluntary with little expense. Other items to be taken care of are repairing of blinds, painting tin roof, a suitable men's room, possibly a portion of boiler room.

The work with estimated cost is to proceed + as the way opens details of (the) further work will be given.

A letter from Public Relations Director, Nancy M. Mosher, of A.F.S.C. informs us of a paid advertisement soon to be published in N.Y. Sunday

3-30-'51 [illegible] regarding Friends views on the current world situation. In order to give a broad circulation our meeting is asked to consider one of three plans. 1. To run this as a full page advertisement in your local paper. Mats for this add can be furnished - several sizes will be available if you cannot afford the full page. 2. Possibly you can find a concerned business man who would donate part of his regular advertising space to the publication of this statement. 3. Possibly the newspaper editor himself would consider the publication of the add as a contribution to international understanding. We are asked to give charges for newspaper space in this community.

Questionarres from the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee are to be circulated throughout the meeting. This matter and the one regarding newspaper space + advertising are referred to Meeting of Ministry + Counsel for further study and action.

The statistical report will be forwarded to the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, the reading of same to be given at our next Monthly Meeting.

A request for transfer of membership to the Universalist Church has been received from Stella H. Mowry. The request is granted + the Clerk is directed to send a letter of dismissal to the pastor.

At close of Business Meeting, Mrs. Buell Hudson gave a brief interesting outline of work of Family + Child Service, formerly known as Day Nursery. It started in 1890 under the direction of Rev. Mr. White, the Universalist minister. We appreciate the presence of Mrs. Hudson.

3-30-'5 F.

Statistics for
Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends 1950

1.	Number of Members last year,	127
2.	Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,	
3.	Additions by Birth,	
4.	Additions by Request,	4
5.	Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,	
6.	Additions by Letter from another Denomination,	
7.	Total Additions,	4
8.	Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,	
9.	Loss by Death,	1
10.	Loss by Disownment,	
11.	Loss by Resignation,	
12.	Loss by Discontinuance,	
13.	Loss by Certificate to Another Friends Meeting,	
14.	Loss by Letter to another Denomination,	
15.	Total Loss,	1
16.	Number of Members this year,	130
17.	Net Gain,	3
18.	Net Loss,	0
19.	Number of Males,	54
20.	Number of Females,	[illegible]
21.	Number under 21 years of age,	35
22.	Number of Associate Members,	25
23.	Number of Associate Members Transferred to Active Membership,	3
24.	Number of Resident Members,	108
25.	Number of Non-Resident Members,	22

3-30-'51 Our business being accomplished we conclud
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

4-27-'51 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fourth Month 27, 1951.

The Report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $276.93 with all current bills paid

An announcement from Hartford Friends invites us to attend a Joint Meeting of the A.F.S.C., New England Region and Friends Council on National Legislation on Saturday, April 28. Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting is the following day to which all are welcome.

A letter from John B. Christiansen, pastor of Universalist Church informs us of receiving name of Stella H. Mowry who now becomes a member of that fold

A card reporting progress in regard to Combined Budget has been read. R. Brooks informed us that our quota for year was $514.07 through 3rd month $309.01 has been paid. This is the finding of Advisory Committee.

Harold Chance, Sec. of Friends Peace Service calls our attention to two pamphlets to Peace and Conscription. Copies may be obtained upon request. He asks for a brief report from Friends who visited Washington as to the response they received. R. Brooks, our pastor who attended with a group from Providence will send such report.

A Poster of N.E. High School Institutes of International Relations has been received which will be placed on Bulletin Board in the hall.

4-27-'51 Several letters, pamphlets, etc. have been received regarding the World Conference of Friends in Oxford, England in 1952. We are urged to send names of Representatives who may attend. This matter should be seriously considered.

A letter from Volunteer Service Council of 5 Years Meeting, Richmond, Indiana gives a glimpse of services available for young people during the summer. An application blank is enclosed. This will be placed on Bulletin Board.

A communication from Lewis Hoskins, Exec. Sec. of A. F. S. C. encloses a copy of the full page advertisement which appeared in New York Times, Sunday, April 22. Mats are available for local newspapers if desired. As this matter has already been referred to Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, no action is taken.

The Statistical Report has been read, a copy of which has been sent to the Clerk of Quarterly Meeting which we approve.

Since the appointment of a Music Committee in the Monthly Meeting some expense for music has been paid by our Treasurer. To make our records clear, authorization should be given Music Committee to secure music when necessary sending bill to the treasurer. This action is approved by the Meeting. E. Brooks feels that spiritual values are evident in rehearsals of choir.

A letter from Young Friends urges each Monthly Meeting to contribute toward Yearly Meeting expenses for Young Friends. We feel that this matter will be taken care of at Quarterly Meeting.

4-27-51 However, we approve of mentioning the request in the Meeting for Worship.

The Report of the Spiritual Condition of the Society has been read and approved. After the approval of Meeting of Ministry and Counsel the report will be sent the Clerk of Quarterly Meeting. It is suggested that this excellent report be read in a Morning Meeting by the Clerk of Ministry & Counsel.

Russell Brooks, Assistant Field Secretary is invited to attend Quarterly Meeting in Hartford, Conn. on April 29. We are united in releasing him, Oliver M. Frazer to be substitute pastor. The Treasurer is authorized to give Mr. Frazer ten dollars ($10) five of which will be paid by R. Brooks.

Lloyd Arnold reported that work on the rest room will be started next week.

Lester Taber reports that R. Bergesson will provide a black tar surface in church yard for $1 per square yard. An approximate price is $400. The matter is referred to the Caretakers and Finance Committee for further consideration

The Queries have been read and we appoint Grace McNamara, Adam Ewen, Lester Taber, Barbara Brooks, Walter Symes, Martha Smith Richard McNamara, Marcia Smith as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting in Worcester, Mass., Fifth Month 12, 1951.

The Meeting of Ministry and Counsel ask the approval of this Meeting for the expense of sending Questionarres to the membership above 15 years of age. The expense will not exceed seven dollars ($7). We approve of this expense being paid by our treasurer.

4-27-'51 Our business being accomplished we conclude 10 members present. Melita B. Fisher, clerk

5-25-'51 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fifth Month 25, 1951.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $304.67 with all bills paid to date.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all but two attended.

A letter and poster from A.F.S. High School Director, Winnifred Barrett, announcing Summer Institute of International Relations has been received. The poster will be placed on bulletin board and the situation studied at a later date as to possible attenders.

The Meeting of Ministry and Counsel recommend receiving the following named Friends into fellowship with us: Ernest J. Howard Jr. Beatrice Mowry as active members; Robert + Emerson Mowry, Glenn I. + Janice Smith, Marjorie A. Doyle transferred from Associate to Active membership. Robert + Beatrice E. Mowry request Associate membership for their two minor children, Cynthia + Robert Junior. Beatrice E. Mowry is received by letter from the Mapleville Methodist Church.

We approve of the recommendation and shall be glad to welcome them at a time convenient for them and our pastor. The clerk will return their applications, properly dated, notifying them of our action.

A letter from L. Glenn Switzer, President of Men's Extension Movement has been read bringing a challenge to men of spiritual concern + vision

5-25-'51 The enclosures mentioned are missing.

Lloyd C. Arnold for the Caretakers reports that the ladies' rest room is finished, but all bills have not yet been received.
He presents estimated cost of paving driveway as $300. A shelf and a drain should be placed on building previous to paving at an extra estimated cost of $75
The caretakers also presented an estimated cost of a men's room in boiler room as $525. As money is available we approve of giving authority to the caretakers to proceed with the work.

Russel Ross, ch. of Finance Com. gave a report of Funds belonging to Smithfield Monthly Meeting. As the Burrillville Meeting House is no Longer [illegible] R. Brooks with the chairman of Finance Com. is appointed to search the records at Moses Brown School as to where this Fund originated & as to how it might be administered. Any expense involved for research to be paid by our treasurer.

Russell Brooks for the East Blackstone Cemetery Committee reports that the cemetery grounds are being put in condition for the season.

Reference to the United Budget has been made showing that the Voluntary " has been almost as successful as the assessed.

A booklet "Steps to Peace" sent out by Harold Chance has been brought to our attention; price twenty-five cents. We approve of R. Brooks obtaining copies for sale and distribution.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
12 members present. Melita B. Fisher clerk

6-29-'51 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Sixth Month 29, 1951

In the absence of the Asst. Clerk, Doris B. Mowry is appointed to serve.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $208.07 on hand with all current bills paid. The expense of the two rest rooms to date is $469.59.

On Sixth Month seventeenth, the new members were welcomed by the pastor and others. Letters of welcome were sent each one by the clerk.

Russell Brooks, as pastor, has arranged for the Union Service to be held here Seventh Month 29th which is approved by this Meeting.

It is the usual custom to omit Morning Worship during the month of August, permitting the pastor to have this time for vacation with pay. As this meets with our approval it will be thus announced with services resuming Ninth Month ninth.

A letter has been received from Maurice and Mary Smith requesting a transfer of their membership from this Meeting to the Central Baptist Church of Tiverton, R.I. As they are no longer residents here, with regret the request is granted and the Clerk will inform them of our action.

A booklet from Sarah Marble of Worcester, Mass. regarding her aunt, Sarah Marble Shedd, a former member of this Meeting has been received and read. We appreciate the gift and feel that it should be placed on file or in the vault at Moses Brown School with our records. A note expressing our interest and action will be sent to the niece.

6-29-'51 The Music Committee of the Monthly Meeting is empowered to study the need and cost of new hymnals and report at a later date as to their findings.

Lloyd C. Arnold reports for the caretakers that the men's room has been finished and that bills to date have been paid.

Lester R. Taber gives us an estimate of what is needed to fix up wood room with a janitor's closet, storage space and coat room, the approximate cost $150 more or less.

Barbara Brooks calls our attention to two books for our Sunday School library, one new, and one a gift.

The United Council of Church Women in R.I. are endeavoring to raise money for a "Harvester," a station wagon, to be used in migrant work. An invitation to all Church people to contribute toward this worthy cause is given. We approve of asking the pastor to make a public announcement regarding this.

Our attention is called to the work of the Young People in the rear of the Church.

B. Brooks reported that from January to June about 678 lbs. of clothing had been collected.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

10 members present

7-27-'51 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R. I. Seventh Month 27, 1951.

In the absence of Assistant Clerk, Doris P. Mowry was appointed to serve.

The Queries have been read and we appoint Melita B. Fisher, Grace McNamara, Doris P. Mowry, Lloyd C. Arnold and others who may attend as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting to be held at Bolton, Mass. Eighth Month eleventh 1951.

A note from Ernest Lamb enclosing a leaflet regarding Men's Movement and material relative to work of Central Office at Richmond, Ind. have been received, which were left out of an earlier communication. Russell Brooks expresses the thought that probably in New England this Movement will include all members of the Meeting. Further information will be forthcoming. No organization is anticipated here at the present time.

A letter from American Friends Fellowship Council has been received asking for information regarding revision of Directories. The information has been forwarded + as a request for contributions to help defray expense of publication has been requested, we approve of sending five dollars ($5) toward the work of this Council.

A letter from Millicent Foster, Temporary Chairman of Committee on Peace + Social Concern informs us of the combining of Peace Committee, Public Morals and Social Order Committee in the Yearly Meeting. The Committee urges each Monthly Meeting to appoint a committee

7-27-'51 to consider and work on the problems most acute in their community.

Milton Hadley, our new Field Secretary spoke specifically of the duties of such a committee. The suggestion is made that members of this committee should be persons particularly interested in some special phase of work.

The selection of the Committee is left to the Nominating Committee of the Monthly Meeting to bring in names at the September Meeting.

A letter from the A.F.S.C. giving information regarding C.O's, including a document that may be useful to C.O's has temporarily been turned over to Russell Brooks.

We welcome Milton & Freda Hadley who are located in Durham, Me. the former a co-Field Secretary in New England.

Milton Hadley expresses a concern that each member of the Meeting constitute him or herself a visiting committee, especially those members of Ministry and Counsel.

Russell Brooks suggests that at a later date the matter of extending terms of Nominating Committee be considered.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

10 members present
2 visitors

8-31-'51 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. (N) Eighth Month 31, 1951.

The report of the Treasurer for June & July shows a balance of $16.27 on hand with all current bills paid. The cost of rest rooms to date ha been $1077.63.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting in Bolton, Mass. Eighth Month 11 report that all attended

An announcement of a Meeting of A.F.S.C. to be held September 21 & 22 in Philadelphia has been received. Those wishing hospitality should sen in an application not later than September 14th.

A Joint Workers Conference of N.E. & N.Y. Yearly Meetings will be held at the Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Sept. 10-12 at a cost of $6 per person. Subject - "Getting the Christian Movement back into the Quaker Home and the Quaker Meeting." Each meeting is requested to send one or more of its workers. Russell Brooks expects to attend and would welcome other Representatives.

A letter from A.F.S.C. regarding (U.M.T.) Universal Military Training urges us to contact our Congressmen at once opposing any such action. We approve of Russell Brooks handling this matter as he sees fit.

In a letter from Peace Committee in New England T. Noel Stern, Chairman, we are urged to at least appoint a chairman to help carry out the work of the Committee on a local level. This will be taken care of by the Nominating Committee.

A letter from the Dale Publishing Co. of Woonsocket extends an invitation to us to sub-

8-31-51 mit Church news, sermons etc. to them for publication as we feel the need. No further action was taken.

Our business being accomplished we conclude. 4 members present. Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

9-28-51 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R. I. Ninth Month 28, 1951

The report of the Treasurer gives an itemized account of cost of rest rooms and improvements; this report is to be placed in Minutes for future reference along with the report of next month

Report

Total cost of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Rest Rooms.

Pd. Lester Tabler for labor & materials, including work done on cloak room and janitor's closet	$428.50
Pd. Arnold & Hogarth for lavoratories fixtures and work on cesspool	519.98
Pd. Arthur Cole for electrical work & fixtures	63.69
Pd. Cote Floor Covering Co. for linoleum	11.20
Pd. John Cowett - paint & labor	16.20
" Home Coal Co. for use of compressor for cesspool	12.00
" Tap Glass Co. for mirror & glass top for table	19.91
	1071.48
" R. A. Bergesson for driveway	375.00
	$1446.48
Pd. Ernest Ainsworth Treas.	$360.—
Envelopes & S. S. (15.14) paid	183.48
Balance from general fund	176.52

A card from Chairman of Y. M. Finance Committee, Herman J. Lawrence informs us that $934.47 has been paid toward the $13,825 pledged.

9-28-51 As Quarterly Meeting will be held here Eleventh Month 10th, we appoint Marion Ross + Louise Taber co-chairmen of supper committee with power to choose the other members of committee.

The committee of arrangements is to consist of Emerson D. Mowry, Russell D. Brooks + Marcia Smith.

The Nominating Committee brings in the names of Melba Worrall, and Lester Taber to serve on the Combined Committee of Peace, Public Morals + Social Order.

We approve of the suggestion of having the present Nominating Committee serve until the annual meeting in Twelfth Month. At this time the Nominating Committee for 1952 will be appointed.

Lloyd C. Arnold, a member of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee informs us that the Financial Year begins the first of Sixth Month.

We are united in having the next meeting as a covered dish supper meeting. At this time films of N. E. Quaker Meeting Houses will be shown. Barbara Brooks will serve as chairman of supper committee with the assistance of Bessie Ewen.

Russell Brooks reports that he sent letters to our Senators + Representatives regarding U.M.T. Two replies have been received.

The caretakers report that the driveway has been paved and that the state highway department have agreed to furnish loam and seed to finish the front lawn. Later, signs will be placed at entrances.

9-28-51 We approve of the suggestion that the young people be asked to clean windows of downstairs room before Quarterly Meeting.

No further business appearing we adjourn.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

8 members present.

10-26-51 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Tenth Month 26, 1951

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $31.86 in general fund.

The matter of entertaining visiting Friends has been brought to our attention. It is suggested that the Brooks' family, who do most of the entertaining, be allowed to draw on treasury for extra expense involved. With this suggestion we unite.

Through the efforts of Lester R. Taber contacting Michael Kilroy, our Representative in the State, the highway department furnished free loam, seed, also labor; rolled and put our front lawn in such shape that we can all be proud of it. We feel that a note of appreciation should be sent Mr. Kilroy and the Clerk is directed to do so.

The Queries have been read and considered & we appoint Emerson Mowry, Richard McNamara, Lester Taber, Adam Ewen, Grace McNamara, Mabel A. Thayer, Melba Worrall, Beverly Taber, Edna Trask as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting here Eleventh Month 10th.

A letter from A. F. S. C. containing information concerning C. O's has been received which will be placed in the hands of Russell D. Brooks.

10-26-51 Since our last Monthly Meeting Russell D. Brooks has been requested to attend the Meeting of Connecticut Valley Friends. It being necessary to give a definite answer prior to this Meeting, at the advice of members of Meeting of Ministry and Council he accepted. While Russell Brooks wishes to bear part of the expense of supply, we feel that ($10) ten dollars should be paid by this Meeting, permitting him to pay the balance. Lawrence Moore who was one time pastor of N. Weare Meeting will be present at Meeting for Worship Sun. a.m.

A letter from A.F.S.C. received today is sent with "the hope that we will be partners in efforts to relieve human misery and increase understanding and peace".

A newsletter from Friendsville Academy, Tenn. has been read.

The condition of the old cemetery has again been brought to our attention with the hope that ideas may be given to remedying conditions. This is referred to Adam Even, Trustee of Cemetery to bring in suggestions for work to be done with the help of the men in the Meeting.

The Committee of arrangements gives us an outline of the program for Quarterly Meeting. An offering for A.F.S.C. will be taken at evening Meeting. We approve of paying traveling expenses of speaker or speakers.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
28 members present. Melita B. Fisher, Clerk.

Following the Business Meeting, Russell Brooks showed pictures, belonging to James Coney, of old Quaker Mtg. Houses in N. England.

Covered dish supper preceded the Meeting.

11-30-51 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held Eleventh Month 30, 1951

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $4.01 on hand with all bills paid to date.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all but one attended

The Committee of Arrangements for Quarterly Meeting report well attended meetings with Gerald Myers speaker in the afternoon and Cecil Hinshaw in evening with special music by Ladies' Choir directed by Lloyd C. Arnold

The supper committee report that about 80 were fed at a cost of $31.70. $25.80 was received from donations and sale of food leaving a balance of $5.90 which the treasurer is authorized to pay.

These committees are discharged with thanks for a splendid Quarterly Meeting.

A letter from the Central Office clarifying the functions of the Yearly Meeting staff has been received which will be placed on file

A letter from Herman Lawrence, chairman of Yearly Meeting Finance Committee has been read. Enclosed is a copy of Yearly Meeting Budget. We, as a Meeting, are asked if we plan to pay the same as last year. The Budget having been increased 22% our contribution for 1952 on last year's basis will be $523. We approve of attempting to meet our quota.

A letter from George I. Bliss, Executive Secretary of N.E. Regional Office of A.F.S.C. sets forth the needs of the Committee and encourages every Meeting as well

11-30-51 as individuals to share by giving.

A letter from Mabel A. Thayer, a member of Trustees of Permanent Funds since 3/27/36, asking to be released has been read. While we regret to do so, it being her wish, we accept the resignation. The Clerk is directed to write a letter of appreciation for continued, helpful service over the years.
The choice of a successor on this Committee is continued until our next meeting.

A letter from Central Office to George A. Bli— from T. Noel Stern is laid over for the Dec meeting.

A letter to Pastors and Chairman Monthly Meeting Peace Committee is on hand which will be turned over to Russell Brooks.

Excerpts from Friends Committee on National Legislation have been read.

Barbara Brooks gave us a brief report of the work done the past year through the Worcester Center of A.F.S.C. under the direction of Catherine Frazer.

A letter from Julianna Perry, Ch. N.E. Committee on Friends World Conference asks for special contributions to help defray expenses of delegates to Oxford Conference in England in 1952.
The Finance Committee in co-operation with Russell Brooks are asked to take charge of the matter.

A suggestion is made that the Burrillville Meeting House Fund be placed with Investment Funds. As we are not clear (as) in the matter the subject is continued for further investigation.

11-30-'51 No further business appearing we conclude.

Absent Myleta B. Fisher clerk.

12-28-'51 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Twelfth Month 28, 1951

The Monthly report of Treasurer shows a balance of $125.46 on hand, with approximately $5600 in invested funds.

The letter from T. Noel Stern to George S. Bliss, laid over from last Meeting has been read. He stresses the idea that Friends underestimate their power and reputation and that they should include and influence other groups in strong peace programs. Russell Brooks, having attended a meeting where this letter had been read and discussed, informed us that many suggestions in the letter did not seem feasible. Rachel Osborne will serve in place of T. Noel Stern who is to be in Europe for a year

A letter from Harold Chance, Sec. Friends Peace Service has been read. He asks what we will do with 1952? Enclosed is a pamphlet "Primer on Pacifism". More copies are available.

Russell D. Brooks has volunteered to talk with a R.I. lawyer, H. Seymour Wiley, a member of Providence Meeting, as to whether we are at liberty to use the Burrillville Meeting House Fund for general expenses of this meeting.

The report of the Music Committee for the year speaks of the faithfulness of choir who have given solos, duets, quartets and choir selections at morning worship and other occasions. Other musical numbers that have been appreciated are violin + piano selections.

12-28-51 The caretakers report on extensive repairs inside and outside of the building during the past year which have previously been mentioned. Minor repairs have not been neglected. The report was accepted, also the recommendation that the attic be insulated and storm windows procured. The caretakers are authorized to proceed as they see fit.

Emerson Mowry is appointed a Trustee of Invested Funds, as a successor of Mabel A. Thayer, whose resignation was accepted in Eleventh Month.

The Sunshine Committee reports that during the year 24 Get Well cards, a birthday card to a 91 yr. young(!) member, telephone calls and a personal call on a sick member have been sent or made.

Russell Brooks reports on E. Blackstone Cemetery as given him by Schofield Kelly. He thinks a personal interest is being taken in the appearance of family lots.

The Report of the Nominating Committee has been read and approved and is as follows:
Clerk - Melita B. Fisher
Asst. Clerk - Bessie P. Ewen
Treasurer - Nellie M. Fisher
Correspondent - Mae B. Todd
Elders.
Terms expire 1954.
Mabel A. Thayer, Henrietta A. Pendleton, Nellie M. Fisher
1953
Joseph C. Estes, Adam L. Ewen, Grace McNamara
1952
Melita B. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Russell J. Ross.
Finance Committee - Russell J. Ross, Nellie M. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Adam L. Ewen, Merill McFee, Emerson Mowry, Lester R. Taber.
Caretakers - Lester R. Taber, Adam L. Ewen, Merill McFee, Louise Keats, Robert Mowry.

12-28-51 Relief & Sunshine Committee - Addie G. Paine, Rachel L. Smith, Leona A. Ewen, Henrietta A. Pendleton, Mae B. Todd.

Missionary Committee - Barbara L. Brooks, Leona A. Ewen, Ruth Smith, Bessie F. Ewen, Mae B. Todd, Janice Smith.

Youth Advisory Committee - Russell Brooks, Louise Taber, Melba Horrall.

Cemetery Committees.

Mapleville - Joseph C. Estes

Woonsocket - Adam L. Ewen, Carlton Aldrich, Doris P. Mowry.

East Blackstone - Russell D. Brooks, Melita B. Fisher, Richard J. McNamara

Ushers - Russell J. Ross, Emerson Mowry, Lester Taber, Douglass Follett, Glen Smith, Ernest Howard.

Music Committee - Lloyd C. Arnold, Barbara L. Brooks, Melita B. Fisher, Laura Follett.

Peace & Social Concern Committee - No chairman yet, Lester Taber, Melba Horrall.

Appreciation for the work of Russell & Barbara Brooks has been expressed. They in turn spoke of the co-operation of members and committees. The work of Clerk, treasurer, chairman of Ministry & Council, Chairman of Finance Committee has been commended.

The Nominating Committee for 1952 is appointed with Muriel McKee, chairman, Russell Ross, Lester Taber, Eleanor Mowry, Bessie F. Ewen.

Russell Brooks wishes to attend the Connecticut Valley Meeting the last Sunday in January. He asks for suggestions for supply and wishes to pay half the expenses. This is agreeable to the Meeting. Oliver Frazer is suggested as substitute

July 28 - Aug. 6 date of Oxford Conference

2-28-'51 July 15 is a definite sailing date, probably returning Aug. 15. The matter of holding Meetings in the absence of our pastor, one of the delegates to the Conference, is left to a future meeting for decision.

Since our last meeting we have learned of the death of Arthur Santmier, a former pastor here. We appoint Lloyd C. Arnold to prepare a suitable Minute to be presented at our next Meeting. He is at liberty to confer with others in its preparation.

The proposed budget for 1952 has been read by the Chairman of Finance Committee and accepted. We are united in advising the Finance Com. to have booklets printed, typed or mimeographed as they see fit.

Lloyd C. Arnold thanked the group for Christmas remembrance as S. S. Supt. Russell Brooks expressed appreciation for gift from group and gifts from individuals.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
13 present Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

1-25-52 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. First Month 25, 1952.

In the absence of the Asst. Clerk, Emerson Mowry was appointed to serve.

The Monthly Report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $195.17 in general fund with all bills paid.

As the first Sunday in second month is the date for the annual contribution to the Woonsocket Hospital Aid, with the approval of the Finance Committee, the loose collection on that

1-25-'52 date will be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Aid.

The Yearly Report of the Treasurer has been read & is as follows:

Treasurer's Report

Jan. 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1950	$207.49
Receipts - Collections	2189.25
Miscellaneous "	36.45
Collections for United Budget	276.53
Income from Invested Funds (Interest)	576.61
From Invested Funds for Improvements	1440.57
Bequest from Helen S. France	2000.00
" " Phoebe Hendrick	1000.00
Cleveland Union Terminal bond called	1000.00
Woonsocket Hospital Aid collection	10.50
From Ladies' Aid Society	50.00
For CARE packages	60.00
	$8847.40

Expenditures:

Pastor's salaries	$1654.00
Janitor's salary	195.00
For United Budget work	492.00
Water & light	126.77
Oil	268.42
Insurance	213.77
Woon. Hospital Aid Assoc.	10.50
CARE	60.00
Miscellaneous expenses	138.86
Improvements & repairs	1465.41
Investments (including bequests)	4027.50
	$8652.23
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1951	195.17

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Nellie M. Fisher, treas.

1-25-52 Eleanor Mowry with the Clerk is appointed to prepare the Statistical Report called for by the Yearly Meeting.

A letter from Friends Council on Education earnestly solicits financial aid. Monthly Meetings are asked to contribute as little as ($1) one dollar to strengthen the general cause of Friends education and of the Society of Friends. We approve of sending $1 for this work.

A letter from the Friends Committee on National Legislation asks that members of the Society of Friends do all that is possible opposing U.M.T. We are asked to write our Senators and Representatives and if possible send delegates to talk to our Members of Congress.

Russell Brooks encourages us to keep in contact with our Congressmen opposing U.M.T. We are also encouraged to support Friends Committee on National Legislation which is doing such fine work.

Lloyd C. Arnold spoke of a booklet with questions and answers which shows the wastefulness and foolishness of U.M.T. He thinks it would be profitable reading for all.

The matter of vacation for the pastor during the summer, is left to the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel for consideration and recommendation to this Meeting.

The Report of the Investment Committee has been read. A copy follows:

Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends - Yr. ending
Report of Permanent Funds + Investments 1951.

Nancy Inman Fund - income for use of Mo. Mtg.	$100.00
Abbie M. Harris " " " " " " "	1000.00
James Pitts Memorial " " " " " " "	2000.00
Carolyn B. + Rebecca B. Brown " " " " "	400.00

1-25-52	Dency A. Wilbur Fund - income for use of Mo Mtg.	3500 $5000.00
	Isabel Read " " " " " "	331.14
	Burrillville Meeting House Fund " " " " "	1000.00
	Merrick & Isabella Walling " " " " "	1000.00
	" " " " Memorial Bldg. Fund	500.00
	Hannah Southwick - income for bldgs. cemetery & fence	400.00
	Nelson Taft " " repairs on Mtg. House	200.00
	James S. Read " " for Sunday School	331.14
	Alice & Anna Cranston Fund " Missions in S. S.	190.01
	Gertrude Pinkham - income for Flower Com.	100.00
	Elizabeth S. Aldrich - income & prin. for needy women	35.51
	Andrew Comstock - for use of E. B. Mtg. House & Cemetery	500.00
	E. Blackstone Mtg. House - income & prin. " " "	110.00
	Mapleville Cemetery - income for use of Mapleville "	100.00
	8/3/45 Avis B. Steere - After 25 yrs. prin. for Woon. Mtg. House	500.00
	Woonsocket Cemetery Fund - repairs & upkeep of cemetery	25
		$13822.80

Investments

Woon. Ind. for S. #66439 (Gen. Fund	$5844.82
Ctf. of Deposit - Plantation Bank of R.I.	2150.00
Am. Tel. Bond	920.00
N.Y. & Putnam 1993	610.00
2 $1000 U.S. Treas. Bond 2½% (Helen France)	1920.00
2 $100 U.S. Savings " dated 9-43	184.00
20 shares 1st Nat. stock	920.00
13 " Prov. Nat. Bank " (Phoebe Hendrick)	962.00
Ind. Trust Co. Prov. Trust Fund	2000.00
R.I. Hosp. Tr. Co. #13302	1056.41
Woon. Trust Co. #13582	1500.00
" Instit. for Savings #106961	337.79
R.I. H. Tr. Co. #28307	252.98
#6290	118.27
#13085	113.29
Woon. Instit. for Savings #50614	861.68
Ind. Trust Co. #15626	133.61
" " " #2772	256.31
Total value of Invested Funds	$20141.16
Less Funds held in trust	13822.80
" interest " " "	707.27

1-25-52 Amount available for use $5611.09

Signed 12/26/51 by Investment Committee
Russel J. Ross
Nellie M. Fisher
Lloyd C. Arnold

Henrietta A. Pendleton for the Sunshine Committee reports four Sunshine Cards and a note of sympathy sent during the month. She also read a letter of appreciation from Alice Santmier for a letter of sympathy sent her in her recent bereavement.

We approve of sending a gift of ($10) ten dollars to Burton Mowry who is very faithful in clearing snow from around the Meeting House.

Russell Brooks spoke of the efficient work of the Nominating Committee of last year. After visiting other meetings he is encouraged with the functioning of most of our committees. He has a sincere concern that all committees and all members should work together toward a year of Christian activity and fellowship.

A suggestion is approved that the March Monthly Meeting be held as a covered dish meeting with a program following.

Barbara Brooks suggests that at a future Monthly Meeting the Young People present a Missionary program with which the Meeting unites.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

2-29-'52 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Second Month 29, 1952.

In the absence of the Asst. Clerk, Louise Taber was appointed to serve.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $139.50 with all bills paid.

A letter from Harold Chance, Sec. Friends Peac and Service Committee informs us of some of the services the Peace Committee attempts. A pamphlet "The Christian Faith and Modern War" by Paul Scherer is enclosed.

Russell Brooks each one of us to send disapproval of U.M.T. to our Representatives Aime Forand + Thomas Fogarty. Lloyd C. Arnold has consented to act temporarily as Chairman of our local Peace + Social Concern Committee, having charge of literature for Peace table.

Russell Brooks has been requested to attend services in Worcester, Mass. Third Month 2. This Meeting grants the request. Oliver M. Frazer will substitute for him.

A letter from Eunice C. Estes and Kenneth M. Stroebel has been read requesting the use of the Meeting House for their marriage Third Month 15. We are united in granting this request.

A Memorial for Arthur Santmier has been presented which will be sent to his family and placed in our records.

The following is a copy:

Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends
Memorial for Arthur Santmier

We were deeply moved to learn of the passing

2-29-'52 on Twelfth Month, 16th, 1951 of Arthur Santmier, aged 70 of Friendsville, Tenn.

We are reminded of his devoted service to our Meeting from 1931 to 1936.

Many years of his life were devoted to Missionary work, especially ministering to the Indians in the far north and western United States. The influence of his untiring service to this missionary work is still strongly felt in our own meeting.

Many Friends who came under his Christian influence were greatly helped in making their decision to follow Christ.

His ministry with us will long be remembered for his devoted interest in Church and public activities.

Faithful to the end he served his last years as Field Secretary for Friendsville Academy and as minister at the Knoxville Meeting in Tennessee.

We feel greatly rewarded for the years Arthur Santmier and his lovely family were with us.

It can be truly said of Arthur Santmier's Christian love for the unreached

O teach me Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart,
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden Depths of many a heart.

A recommendation from the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel requests membership for Wilma Smith, a former member of St. James Episcopal Church. Requests for Kerry + Kevin Smith, sons of Wilma + Kenneth Smith, as Associate Membership are also presented. We are united in accepting the recommendation and these Friends are to be informed of our action and welcomed into Church fellowship. A copy of the Discipline will be given the family.

Emerson Mowry, a member of the Finance Committee suggests that this Meeting meet the deficit, if any, of the $350 pledge for the trip to London Con-

2-29-'52 ference for Russell Brooks. We are united in granting this request.

Russell Brooks gives us information regarding his work as Field Secretary. He and Milton Hadley are to continue as New England Secretaries for 5 yrs. with necessary adjustments to be made during that period.

Instead of a covered dish supper at our next monthly meeting, it is suggested that a program be given and light refreshments be served. Barbara + Russell Brooks, with others they may choose, will constitute a Committee for this Meeting.

The Sunshine Committee reports valentines sent Earl C. Bates and Bertha V. Morse and a Get Well card to Elizabeth Fisher.

No further business appearing, we adjourn.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

At Smithfield Monthly of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. 3/28/52

3-28-'52 The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $18.40 on hand with all bills paid.

The Committee appointed in First Month to prepare the Statistical Report present the appended copy. A copy will be forwarded to the Clerk of Quarterly Meeting.

A recommendation from Meeting of Ministry and Counsel suggests that the date of the pastor's vacation be changed this summer on account of London Conference which our pastor will attend. They suggest that Meetings for Worship be held Seventh Month 6th + 13 and Eighth Month 24th + 31st. This meets with our approval.

A card of appreciation from Edna Trask for sympathy shown at her mother's (months) death has been read.

Statistics for Smithfield Monthly Meeting for 1951

Statistics
Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, 1951

PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All Monthly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.

	Particular Meetings			Totals
1. Number of Members last year,	130			
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,				
3. Additions by Birth,				
4. Additions by Request,	3			
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,				
6. Additions by Letter from another Denomination,	1			
7. Total Additions,	4			
8. Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,				
9. Loss by Death,	1			
10. Loss by Disownment,				
11. Loss by Resignation,				
12. Loss by Discontinuance,				
13. Loss by Certificate to Another Friends Meeting,				
14. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,	4			
15. Total Loss,	5			
16. Number of Members this year,	129			
17. Net Gain,				
18. Net Loss,	1			
19. Number of Males,	55			
20. Number of Females,	74			
21. Number under 21 years of age,	27			
22. Number of Associate Members,	22			
23. Number of Associate Members Transferred to Active Membership,	5			
24. Number of Resident Members,	107			
25. Number of Non-Resident Members,	22			

3-28-'52 A Newsletter from Friendsville Academy has been read, showing progress in many directions.

The question of Lee Ann Estes as a birthright member was considered at a Meeting of Ministry and Counsel. It is recommended that the matter be taken up in the Meeting of which the mother, Jane is a member. As Lee was never a member of this Meeting no transfer can be made but our Meeting will cooperate in every way possible.

The Meeting of Ministry and Counsel recommend that when a member of this Meeting is married, a copy of the "Common Ventures of Life" or something equally suitable be presented them. We approve of this being done until further notice.

The Meeting of Ministry and Counsel recommend that we unite with other Protestant churches in a Union Pentacostal Service to be held June 1st. This announcement came from Arnold Johnson, pastor of Slatersville Congregational Church. We approve of uniting with other churches in this National observance.

The recommendation of the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel that Russell Brooks attend a Business Meeting of Five Years Meeting Board on April 20th is approved. We are united in requesting Leslie H. Barrett to be guest pastor at the morning service on that day.

At the close of Meeting for Worship Third Month 16, a temporary Committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of caring for a DP family leaving Europe within a short time. Some of the members of the Committee met with members of Providence Meeting on Tuesday of this week and report as follows.

3-28-52 The D. P. family, Kurt, Charlotte & Elfie Bary is expected to arrive in Providence, R.I. sometime Mar. 29th The temporary committee consisting of Russell Brooks, Lloyd C. Arnold, Joseph C. Estes, Melita B. Fisher is appointed by this Meeting with the addition of Lester Taber, Melba Worrall and Kenneth Smith to make such arrangements as seem feasible.

Kenneth Smith has offered a Quonset hut as living quarters but further work is necessary to make it livable. Providence Meeting will work with this Meeting, temporarily providing accomodations for the family. If we find that residence will be taken up here in the hut mentioned, we approve of advancing $150 for necessary work as seen by the committee.

No further business appearing we conclude.
14 members 1 visitor Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

At the close of the business, Emerson Moore gave an interesting, instructive, illustrated talk on Soil Conservation.

Refreshments were served by Barbara Brooks assisted by Marion Ross.

4-25-52 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fourth Month 25, 1952.

In the absence of the Clerk, Bessie Ewen is appointed to serve as clerk + Louise Taber as Reading Clerk.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $ 10.01 on hand with all bills paid.

A letter containing an enclosed summary of four Bills now before Congress, regarding immigration has had our attention. We are urged to write our Senators and Representatives supporting the Humphrey-Lehman Bill and opposing the

4-25-'52 McCarran Bill. Copies of these Bills may be obtained by writing Friends Committee on National Legislation. We approve of individual members writing letters. The matter is referred to Committee on Peace and Social Concerns.

The Queries have been read at this time and we appoint Melita B. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Beverly Taber, Richard McNamara, Eleanor Mowry, Marcia Smith, Ruth Smith & Leona Ewen as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting in Worcester, Mass. 5th Month 10.

Regarding the Barz family who recently came from Germany, we are glad to report that employment in Pawtucket has been secured and that an apartment in Saylesville is available. We are invited to help furnish it. A covered dish supper and "pound party" is to be held at Saylesville Meeting House, April 26 to which Smithfield Meeting Friends are invited.

The question of Burrillville Meeting House Fund which has been before us several times, again claims our attention. Russell Brooks, having talked with Seymour Wiley, a lawyer in the Providence Meeting, feels that this Fund is available for general expenses of the Meeting. This Meeting approves of having the Investment Committee take charge of this Fund, investing as they see fit.

A notice of the Eighth Annual High School Institute to be held at Friendly Crossways has been read and we suggest that the folder be placed on the bulletin. Any young person interested should be encouraged to attend.

A letter from the A. F. S. C. requesting contributions to help carry on their work has been received and will be posted on the bulletin board. The pastor is requested to mention this in the Morning Meeting.

4-25-'52 A letter from Janet Follett and Walter Keene has been read requesting the use of the Meeting House for their marriage Fifth Month 3rd. We approve of granting their request and the Clerk is asked to send a reply.

A report of the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting has been read. Having been approved by the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel and this Meeting, this report will be sent to the Clerk of Quarterly Meeting. It is suggested that this report be read at a morning meeting by the Clerk of Ministry and Counsel.

The Sunshine Committee reporting for two months March & April two "cheer up" cards sent to Earl Bates, two sympathy cards - one to Edna Trask, one to Crystal Bates and a birthday card to Elizabeth Fisher.

8 members present

The Music Committee reports they are planning a Sunday afternoon concert late in May.

Since there has been some (much) confusion among members about raising money for the delegates to the Oxford Conference. Russell Brooks has clarified the matter by stating that while no set amount to be raised was given us by Yearly Meeting, we were urged to raise as much as possible. In Second Month the Finance Committee was empowered to draw money from treasury to meet a deficit, if any, on the $ 350. set as our goal. The Fin. Com. is (are) at liberty to determine the amount to be sent Yearly Meeting, using the balance as a personal gift for our delegate, if they so desire -

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Bessie F. Ewen,
Asst. Clerk

6-2-'52 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. 6th Month 2, 1952 as the Meeting for 5-30 was deferred to this date on account of the holiday.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $95.33 on hand with all bills paid to date.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting were all present except three.

Two recommendations were received from Mtg. of Ministry and Counsel.
1. A suggestion as to changing time of holding Monthly Meeting. We feel that all members should have a chance to express their preference as to the evening and the hour. R. Brooks is willing to mimeograph return cards requesting their choice, the expense to to be met by the treasurer. The number of cards to be sent is left to the discretion of our pastor.

2. The recommendation to purchase a booklet entitled "Growing Together in the Family" by Leland Wood for our library is accepted. It is thought this booklet might be suitable as a gift for young married couples in the meeting.

As our old hymn books are not being used, having been paid for by this meeting, it is suggested that we dispose of the best ones at twenty-five cents each. The matter is referred to the Music Committee.

The condition of E. Blackstone Meeting House has again been brought to our attention by the Trustees of E. B. Cemetery. They are very anxious to have it repaired or torn down. The general opinion of this Meeting seems to favor a meeting of our committee with the Trustees of Cemetery to decide on the final

5-2-'52 disposition of the building, after making certain that this Meeting has the authority to do so.

A suggestion has been made that it would be a friendly gesture on our part to pay part of the expense on bills necessarily contracted to establish the Barz family. If necessary, this might be taken from invested funds. If at a later date the family wish to reimburse the meeting, they are at liberty to do so. (The whole amount is $116, Providence Mtg. having paid it to date)

The suggestion to have a special program at our next Monthly Meeting is left to the Committee appointed some time ago to care for the Barz family.

The Treasurer reports that $976 from Burrillville Meeting House Fund has been invested and the balance of $24 has been placed in the Investment Fund.

Bessie L. Ewen, Pres. of Ladies Aid announced that when the men of the church were willing to work at clearing up the old cemetery in the late summer, the ladies of the Aid would be glad to serve dinner.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Lila Smith, Mary Adams, Louise Ewen. A letter of appreciation to the Sunshine Committee thanking them for cards and other expressions of sympathy during the illness of Earl C. Bates was read, written by Crystal M. S. Bates, a member of this meeting.

No further business we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

9 members present.

6-27-'52 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket R.I. Sixth Month 27, 1952.

The Minutes of last meeting will be read at the next Monthly Meeting, being deferred at this time.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $141.02

A communication from Central Office giving the amount of Yearly Meeting Budget for 1951-52 as $4500 which is on a voluntary basis has been read.

An announcement of a book, written by Howard H. Brinton, endorsed by Henry Cadbury & others, entitled "Friends for 300 Years" has been read.

The report on cards sent out regarding change of time and day of Monthly Meeting has been given by our pastor. About 40% of membership replied. There seems to be general approval of meeting on Friday evening as usual with the time set at 7:30 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.

A few words of appreciation for our supper meeting tonight with members of Saylesville and Providence Meetings present, have been given by Warren Howe, Clerk of Providence Meeting. He spoke of the pleasure in helping to establish the Bary family and suggests that future projects together may be possible.

Russell Brooks gave us a preliminary announcement of a Workers' Conference at Moses Brown School Ninth Month 9, 10 & 11 in conjunction with New York & New England Yearly Meetings

The Sunshine Committee reports 3 Get Well card sent to Lloyd Arnold, Mrs Lewis Follett and

6-27-52 Dorothy Lapham Mowry.

Unanimous approval of sending greetings to Lloyd C. Arnold has been given.

Our business meeting followed the picnic supper with 17 Friends in attendance, 9 of whom were guests. Children were amused by some adults who were at the supper.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

7-25-'52 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Seventh Month 25, 1952.

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A formal announcement of Fall Conference has been read and will be placed on Bulletin Board.

A communication signed by Winslow Osborne and Milton Hadly regarding gifts toward the new Central Office Building of the Five Years' Meeting has been read. It is suggested that explanatory letters be sent to families the subject matter of contents to be discussed at our August meeting which we hope will be larger.

The Queries have been read and we appoint Mae B. Todd, Barbara Brooks, Louise Taber, Lauriston Smith, Russel Ross and Emerson Mowry as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting in Bolton, Mass. Eighth Month 9th.

Hereafter our Monthly Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. as decided in Sixth Month.

L.C. Arnold expresses appreciation for cards & messages sent him while in Hospital.

The regular report of Treasurer is omitted

7-25-52 at this time but an oral report informs us of about $200 on hand

No further business appearing we adjourn.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk

8 members present.

* Lloyd C. Arnold acted as Assistant Clerk in the absence of regular Asst.

8-29-52 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Eighth Month 29, 1952

The report of the Treasurer for June and July shows a balance of $246.07 on hand

Our Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that three attended

A Newsletter from Friendsville Academy has been read

An announcement of a booklet, published by the A.F.S.C., called "Toward Security Through Disarmament" has been received, price 25 cents. We approve of purchasing at least one of these booklets.

A letter from Agnes H. Smith requesting that her name be removed from our membership has been read and considered. The matter is referred to the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel for further thought and consideration.

Russell Brooks reports that letters regarding Building Fund for Central Office Building of Five Years Meeting has been sent each family. Each member is asked to contribute one dollar ($1) a year for three years. As the Five Years Committee desires an estimate of what each

8-29-52 Meeting can do, we are suggesting that one hundred dollars ($100) might be our contribution. This matter to be taken care of by Finance Committee or by someone they may appoint. The Building Committee will be notified of our action.

Announcement of A. F. S. C. Meeting September 19 & 20 at Philadelphia, Pa., has been received. If overnight hospitality is desired, notify Eleanor Stabler Clark.

We appreciate a gift of a book entitled The Quakers by A. Neave Brayshaw from Russell Brooks as a memento of Oxford Conference. It will be placed in our Church School Library.

Items from the Conference were given briefly by Russell Brooks. Mutual understanding and re-affirmation of our Christian faith were stressed. Worship meetings based on silence were very successful.

No further business appearing we adjourn.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

9-26-52 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Ninth Month 26, 1952.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $325.16 on hand with all bills paid except $99.96 which will be paid this month.

The Clerk of Meeting and Counsel reports that a committee of two called on Agnes Smith and after a pleasant visit, ironing out some difficulties she reconsiders, allowing her name to be retained on our membership list. Our pastor called our attention to the good resulting from this visit and encouraged us to visit oftener.

9-26-'52 R. Brooks spoke of the need of fellowship in our group and that(need) this fellowship should be cherished.

The following committee is appointed to prepare the Quarterly Meeting Program - Muriel McGee, Eleanor Mowry, Lester R. Taber with Russell Brooks ex-officio.

The supper committee for Quarterly consists of Martha Smith & Bessie Ewen with others they may choose.

The caretakers report the need of new steps & hand rails at parsonage. The matter is left to the care of committee with power to draw on treasury for expense incurred.

The caretakers are asked to get estimates on painting church property, namely, church building and parsonage. When estimates are at hand, a special meeting will be called by the clerk for a final decision.

We are united in wishing to extend loving greetings to our Providence Friends who will hold their first meeting for Worship in their new building on September 28th.

The clerks are appointed to prepare the message.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

10-19-'52 A special Meeting was held at the close of Morning Meeting to consider bids for painting the exterior of church buildings; namely, church, parsonage, garage. Bids were received from Amedee Morin, William McGee, Wayland Esten and James Cowett, the latter being awarded the work. Lester Taber, ch. of Caretakers will make

10-17-'52 necessary arrangements

10-31-52 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. (Eleo) Tenth Month 31, 1952.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $286.19 with all bills paid.

The Queries are read and we appoint Mabel A. Thayer, Ruth C. Smith, Louise Taber, Russel Ross, Agnes Smith, Nellie M. Fisher, Mae B. Todd, Joseph C. Estes, Adam Ewen and Lauriston Smith as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting to be held here Eleventh Month 8th, 1952.

The message sent to Providence Friends has been read Bessie F. Ewen received a letter in reply.

A letter asking us to share in the work of A.F.S.C. by our contributions has been read.

The Sunshine Committee reports four cards sent to Richmond Mowry, 1 to Lillian Todd, 1 to Mrs. Calderwood and 1 to Mrs. B.V. Morse during the month

The name of Barbara Rhodes as our Representative to the Women's Church Council for World Community Day to be held at Methodist Church, Eleventh Month 7th has been suggested and approved.

Russell Brooks gave an outline of program for Quarterly Meeting. Charles Hutton of Providence Meeting will give the Sat. evening address concerning his work among the Passamaquoddy Indians of Maine during the last summer under A.F.S.C.

10-31-'52 It is suggested that a meeting with all organizations invited be held this month, when pictures and report of Oxford Conference will be given by our pastor. Louise Taber, Ruth Smith, Louise Keats, Francis Worrall and Russell Brooks comprise the committee of arrangements.

A request from Middle Connecticut Greenfield Meeting for benches not in use has been received. If the East Blackstone Meeting House Committee approve they are authorized to do with benches there as they see fit. A meeting of this committee will be held in the near future.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

11-28-'52 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Eleventh Month 28, 1952.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $153.73 with all bills paid to date.

The chairman of Quarterly Meeting supper committee report that about seventy were fed at a cost of $32.40. Contributions amounting to $30.70 were received leaving $1.70 expense to be borne by treasury.

Wylma Smith was the other member of supper committee for Quarterly Meeting.

William Richmond who has served this meeting faithfully for many years as janitor because of ill health is obliged to resign. To show our appreciation we are unanimous in wishing to present a gift of twenty-five dollars ($25) to him, thanking him and extending good wishes.

11-28-'52 A letter from New England Yearly Meeting Central office giving an opportunity for a visit from Cecil Hinshaw has been received. We suggest that this matter be left to the Peace + Social Concern Committee to make arrangements. A tentative date in April will be sent him and more definite plans made later.

A letter from Errol Elliott Gen. Secretary to local meetings of Five Years Meeting invites us to participate in a special Christmas offering for United Work of Friends, special envelopes have been prepared. We approve of this matter being cared for by Finance Committee. At their suggestion announcement will be made from the pulpit that on Twelfth Month 21, the offering outside of regular envelopes will be used for the above named purpose

The special meeting held Tenth Month 21st was well attended. The pictures + the talk ~~(were)~~ by Russell Brooks were very interesting. The social hour with delicious refreshments in the dining room downstairs ended a happy evening.

We are united in wishing to donate two benches, not in use here, to the Meeting of Friends at Greenfield, Mass. That meeting is to arrange for transfer of same.

The Sunshine Committee report cards sent to Richmond Mowry, a Trotty Veck to Bertha V. Morse and a sympathy card to Frances E. Wheeler whose sister Lucia recently passed away. The sisters were valued members of Smithfield Missionary Society.

No further business appearing we adjourn.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

6 members present.

12-28-52 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Twelfth Month 28, 1952.

The report of the Treasurer for Eleventh Month shows a balance of $369.53 on hand in General Fund with all bills paid.

The Annual Meeting of the A.F.S.C. will be held in Philadelphia, Pa. First Month 9th and 10th. The invitation has been read with program enclosed. All interested Friends are invited. If entertainment is desired, applications are available.

A letter from Marjorie Babcock, Clerk of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting has been received regarding future Quarterly Meeting. The Committee appointed at our last Q. Meeting propose a special Q. Meeting to be held in Worcester, the second Saturday Evening in February, the usual Representatives to be appointed. We are asked to give this proposal consideration and to notify the clerk of our action. We approve of the proposal for a special Q. Meeting. Our Representatives will be appointed at the proper time.

A card from the regional office of A.F.S.C. asking for a Christmas gift from the Meeting has been read.

Since our last meeting on December 11, Bertha V. Morse, aged 88 a beloved member of this meeting for many years, entered her eternal rest. A non-resident member for the past twenty-five or more years, previous to that time active in many offices in the Meeting. The older members of the Meeting remember her for her many kindnesses to individuals and to the Meeting.

12-28-'52 The Sunshine Committee report a sympathy card sent Mildred Morse, Addie Paine, a shut in card, Richmond (Robert) Mowry a Trotty Veck, Joseph Estes a Get Well card.

The Report of the Nominating Committee is received and approved and is as follows:

Clerk - Melita B. Fisher
Asst. Clerk - Bessie F. Ewen
Treas. Nellie M. Fisher
Correspondent Mae B. Todd
Elders Terms expire in
1955 - Melita B. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Russe
J. Ross.
1954 Mabel A. Thayer, Henrietta A. Pendleton, Nellie M. Fisher
1953 Joseph C. Estes, Adam L. Ewen, Grace E. McNamara

Committees

Finance Committee: Russel J. Ross, Nellie M. Fishe
Lloyd C. Arnold, Adam L. Ewen, Muriel McFee, Emerson B. Mowry, Lester R. Taber.
Caretakers - Lester R. Taber, Adam L. Ewen, Muriel McFee, Louise A. Keats, Robert E. Mowry.
Relief and Sunshine Committee - Henrietta A. Pendleton, Leona A. Ewen, Mae B. Todd.
Missionary Committee - Barbara L. Brooks, Leona A. Ewen, Ruth Smith, Bessie F. Ewen, Mae B. Todd, Janice W. Smith
Youth Advisory Committee - Russell D. Brooks, Louise Taber, Melba F. Worrall, Glenn Smith.
Cemeteries Committee:
Mapleville - Joseph C. Estes
Woonsocket - Adam L. Ewen, Carleton Aldrich, Doris P. Mowry
East Blackstone - Russell D. Brooks, Melita B. Fisher, Richard McNamara.
Ushers - Russel (D) J. Ross, Robert Mowry, Douglas L. Follett, Glenn L. Smith, Ernest

Howard, Jr. Lauriston Smith.
Music Committee: Lloyd C. Arnold; Melita B. Fisher, Laura E. Follett, Barbara L. Brooks.
Committee on Peace and Social Concern:
Lloyd C. Arnold, Lester R. Taber, Melba F. Worrall Kenneth Smith
Investment Committee and Trustees of Permanent Funds: (to serve until replaced) Nellie M. Fisher, Russel J. Ross, Lloyd C. Arnold, Emerson D. Mowry.
Delegates to Woonsocket Area Protestant Men's Fellowship - Russel J. Ross, Lester R. Taber
Delegate to Woonsocket Council of Church Women. From the Monthly Meeting -
Barbara L. Brooks.

The Nominating Committee appointed for 1953 is Lloyd C. Arnold, chairman, Bessie F. Ewen, Muriel McFee, Robert Mowry, Lauriston Smith.

As another year draws to a close we wish to express our appreciation for the work of Barbara & Russell Brooks in all the activities of our Meeting. The work of the officers and committees is also appreciated.

Our business being accomplished we conclude
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

12 members present.

-30-53 It Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket R.I. First Month 30, 1953

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Lloyd C Arnold is appointed to serve.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $182.02 on hand with all current bills paid.

1-30-'53 A letter from Marjorie Babcock, Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting informs us of a special Quarterly Meeting to be held in Worcester, Mass. Second Month 14th at 7:30 p.m. The following Representatives are appointed to attend: Russel J. Ross, Louise Taber, Lauriston Smith, Ruth Smith, Martha Smith, Mae B. Todd, Walter Symes. Young Friends and Juniors are especially invited, a program being prepared for them.

A copy of the new Directory of Meetings for Worship has been received. Other copies may be obtained from American Friends Fellowship Council at thirty-five (35) cents a copy.

Barbara Brooks requests that time following the February Monthly Meeting be given over to a Missionary program with the help of the Sunday School classes. The program is based on African Missions. We heartily approve of granting the request.

The budget for the coming year has been presented and approved. The Finance Committee is authorized to prepare the usual booklet.

Lloyd C. Arnold, chairman of Music Committee commends the choir for loyalty in attendance.

Eleanor Mowry is appointed with the Clerk to prepare the Statistical Report called for by the Yearly Meeting.

A verbal request for the use of the Meeting House for the marriage of Melba I. Worrall, a member of this Meeting and Robert Tenant the afternoon of March 28th has been received. This request is gladly granted.

1-30-'53 The Clerk is directed to write Robert Symes asking him for definite information regarding his membership in the Episcopal Church in order that our books may be corrected.

The Yearly Report of the Treasurer has been read and is as follows:

Treasurer's Report
Jan. 1, 1952 to January 1, 1953

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1952	$195.17	
Receipts:		
Collections	2334.96	
Miscellaneous Collections	116.06	
Collections for United Budget	277.82	
Income from Invested Funds (Interest)	550.12	
From Invested Funds for Improvements	805.59	
From Burrillville Meeting House Fund	1000.00	
Donations for London Conference $16150)		
From Invested Funds for Conference 188.50)	350.00	
From Ladies' Aid Society	50.00	
From E. Blackstone Mtg. House Fund	60.00	
For Five Years Mtg. Building Fund	11.00	
		5,555.55
		$5750.72
Expenditures:		
Pastor's Salary (Supply $30.00)	$1627.00	
Janitor's "	180.00	
United Budget Work	559.60	
London Conference	350.00	
Repairs (painting church + parsonage $700)	1027.10	
Purchase of stock from Invested Funds (Burrillville Mtg. House Fund)	1000.00	
Water + light	157.94	
Oil	242.02	
Insurance	174.61	
Maintinance of grounds at E.B. Cem.	60.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	179.43	5557.70

1-30-53

Balance on hand in General Fund	$182.02
In Five Years Meeting Bldg. Fund	11.00
	$193.02

Respectfully submitted,
Signed - Nellie M. Fisher, Treas.

A report of the Investment Committee has been read. A copy follows:

Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends - Year ending 12/31/52
Report of Permanent Funds & Investments

Nancy Inman Fund - Income for use of Mo. Mtg.	$100.00
Abbie M. Harris " " " " " "	1000.00
James Pitts Memorial Fund " " " " " "	2000.00
Caroline B. & Rebecca B. Brown " " " " " "	400.00
Dency A. Kilbur Fund " " " " " "	5000.00
Isabel Read " " " " " " "	331.14
Burrillville Mtg. House " " " " " "	1000.00
Merrick & Arabella Walling Fund " " " " "	1000.00
" " " " Memorial Bldg. Fund	500.00
Hannah Southwick Fund - Inc. for bldgs, cemetery & fence	400.00
Nelson Taft " " repairs on mtg. house	200.00
James S. Read Fund " " use of Sunday School	331.14
Alice & Anna Cranston " " Miss. work in S.S.	190.01
Gertrude H. Pinkham " " Flower Committee	100.00
Elizabeth S. Aldrich - income & prin. for needy women	35.51
Andrew Comstock - for use of E.B. Mtg. House & Cemetery	500.00
E.B. Mtg. House - income & prin. for use of above items	110.00
Mapleville Cemetery - income for use of Mapleville cem.	100.00
Avis B. Steere - after 25 yrs. prin. may be used for Woon. Mtg. 8/3/45	500.00
Woonsocket Cemetery Fund - for repairs & upkeep of cem.	25.00
Total funds in Trust	12,822.80
Interest held " "	683.77
Total to be held in "	$13,506.57

Investments:

Industrial Trust Co. (Fund) Providence, R.I.	$2000.00	
R.I. Hosp. Trust Co. # 47136	1528.29	
Woon. Instit. for Savings # 106961	339.47	8.33
R.I. Hosp. Trust Co. # 28307	256.78	66.77
" " " " # 6290	120.05	20.05

1-30-'53 Investments continued

R.I. Hosp. Trust Co. #13085	$115.00	$ 79.49
Woon. Instit. for Savings #50614	823.34	323.34
Ind. Trust Co. #15626	135.62	25.62
" " " #2772	260.17	160.17
Int. to be held in trust on funds		→683.77

Woon. Instit. for Savings #66439	4924.73
32 shares Prov.-Washington Ins. Co.	976.00
13 " " Union Nat. Bank	949.00
20 " 1st Nat'l Bk. of Boston	1002.50
2 $100 U.S. Savings Bonds	192.00
2 $1000 " " Treas. "	1922.80
1 " N.Y. + Putnam R.R. Co. Bond	655.00
1 " Amer. Tel. + Tel. Bond	927.50
Plantation Bank of R.I. Cert. of deposit	2150.00
Total Invested funds	19278.25
" to be held in trust	13506.57
Dec. 31, '52 Amount available for use of Meeting	$5771.68
Dec. 31, '51 Am't. available for use of "	5611.09

Signed 12/31, 52 by Investment Committee
Russel J. Ross
Nellie M. Fisher.

Appreciation for the work of Finance Committee is expressed.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well Cards sent to Leona Ewen, William Richmond, Mr. + Mrs. Fred Hirst, a cheer up card sent to Grace McNamara

Our business being accomplished we conclude. 7 members present.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

2-27-'53 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Second Month 27, 1953.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $208.15 on hand in General Fund with all current bills paid.

Our Representatives to the special meeting in Worcester, Mass. Second Month 14, report that four attended. At the Meeting it was decided to have four Quarterly Meetings a year with the first one held the third Sunday (is) in Fourth Month. On the third (month) Sunday of Seventh month the Meeting will be under the auspices of Worcester Meeting probably in No. Uxbridge. In Woonsocket in Tenth Month, Worcester First Month.

The Statistical Report is presented by the Committee appointed last month. A copy is appended & one will be sent the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting.

A committee to arrange a suitable program for Quarterly Meeting to be held here in Fourth Month is appointed with Barbara Brooks, chairman, Lloyd C. Arnold, Lester R. Taber.

A letter from Rachel Osborne, ch. of New England Yearly Meeting Committee on Peace & Social Concern has been received which will be given to our local chairman.

A letter from A.F.S.C. regarding C.O's and the Peace testimony has been turned over to the Committee on Peace & Social Concern.

In answer to a letter sent Robert L. Symes, an Associate Member of this meeting, he informs the Meeting through the Clerk that he is a member of the Episcopal Church; therefore his name will automatically be taken from our membership list.

Statistics for Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends Monthly Meeting for 1952

PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All Monthly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.

	Particular Meetings			Totals
1. Number of Members last year,	129			
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,				
3. Additions by Birth,				
4. Additions by Request,	3			
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,				
6. Additions by Letter from another Denomination,				
7. Total Additions,	3			
8. Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,				
9. Loss by Death,	1			
10. Loss by Disownment,				
11. Loss by Resignation,				
12. Loss by Discontinuance,				
13. Loss by Certificate to Another Friends Meeting,				
14. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,				
15. Total Loss,	1			
16. Number of Members this year,	131			
17. Net Gain,	2			
18. Net Loss,				
19. Number of Males,	57			
20. Number of Females,	74			
21. Number under 21 years of age,	28			
22. Number of Associate Members,	22			
23. Number of Associate Members Transferred to Active Membership,				
24. Number of Resident Members,	106			
25. Number of Non-Resident Members,	25			

2-27-53 The Ladies' Aid have been considering re-covering the cushions in seats of this auditorium. They have a committee who have secured prices and samples. Before we can proceed with the project we need the permission and some financial help from the Monthly Meeting. We have asked Melita Fisher who has been active on the committee to give us further information. She quoted prices from Geo. Pichette & Son, Paul Gagnon, Aldor Carriere with materials they would use.

The Meeting is in sympathy with the project presented and are willing to give a reasonable amount of financial help. If Meeting approves and money is available drapes may be procured also.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well Cards sent to Richard McNamara, Doris Mowry, Leona Ewen, Bessie Ewen, Ann Aldrich, Valentines sent Richmond Mowry, Elizabeth Fisher and a Sympathy card sent Grace & Richard McNamara.

No further business appearing we adjourn to the recreation room downstairs where an evening of information, games and refreshments based on African Missions was enjoyed by about 35 adults and children.

14 present. Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

3-27-'53 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Third Month 27, 1953

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $125.16 in General Fund with all current bills paid.

Announcement of Institutes to be held during Fourth Month has been read and we are urged to send a minimum of two carloads of interested workers chosen from Christian Education Committee, Missionary Committee, Peace & Social Concerns Committee & Young Friends. These In

3-27-'53 stitutes will be held in Providence, Lynn, Winthrop, Me. Drink and dessert provided by host meeting, sandwiches by visiting Friends. April 12 is date of Providence Meeting. We appoint Lester Taber, Kenneth Smith, Eleanor Mowry, Marion Ross, Gail Ross, Marcia Smith, Ruth Smith, Grace Mc Namara as our Representatives. In case of inability to attend, others present may be substitutes.

A card from Russell Brooks, Field Secretary, informs us of changes in the dates of Smithfield and of Dover Quarterly Meetings.

A card of thanks from Grace and Richard Mc Namara has been read.

A letter from Harold Chance calls our attention to two pieces of literature "Catalogue of Yearly Meetings" and "Sixty Billions". Additional copies may be obtained for the asking. We approve of additional copies being obtained and distributed by our Peace and Social Concern Committee.

The Sunshine Committee reports "Get Well" cards sent to Ruth Smith, Flora Matheson, Robert Ewen, birthday card to Elizabeth Fisher, a cheer note to Bessie Ewen; a sympathy card to Mrs. Lewis Follett

As Quarterly Meeting will be held here Fourth Month 19th, the following committee is appointed to provide tea, coffee, cocoa or milk for attending Friends. They are Martha Smith, Ruth Smith, Laura Follett.

Our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting are H. R. Pendleton, Mabel A. Thayer, Russell J. Ross, Thelma Smith, Lester A. Taber, Robert Mowry, Leslie Follett, Frank Horrall.

3-27-53 Lloyd C. Arnold, chairman of Peace and Social Concern Committee announces that Cecil Hinshaw expects to be with us Fifth Month 8. We feel that he should receive fifteen dollars ($15) above expenses. A special offering will be taken and any deficit will be met by the Monthly Meeting.

We approve of the Friends Committee on National Legislation News Letter being placed in the hands of Peace Committee, the subscription to be paid from treasury.

No further business appearing we adjourn.

Welita B. [illegible]

9 members present

4-24-53 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I., Fourth Month 24, 1953.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $94.61 in General Fund with all bills paid.

Representatives attending Quarterly Meeting were Henrietta A. Pendleton, Mabel A. Thayer, Russel J. Ross, & Lester R. Taber.

Ten dollars was received from special collection. After expenses were paid a balance of $3.22 is left for treasury of Quarterly Meeting. We feel that on the whole the new arrangement of Q. Mtg. was successful. We wish to express appreciation for work of all the committees.

[illegible] A report of the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting having been approved by the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel has been read. A copy will be sent to the Clerk of Quarterly Meeting. A suggestion to have this report read in a Meeting for Worship is approved.

The Sunshine Committee reports 7 Get Well cards four Easter and a Sympathy card sent since our last mtg.

4-24-'53 A letter from Friends Committee on National Legislation regarding recordings on Disarmament has been read. The letter is referred to Peace + (Public Social Morals) Committee to be used by this committee if it seems advisable.

The Meeting is united in wishing to reimburse Russell Brooks in the amount of twenty-five dollars ($ 25, for necessary repairs to his car, recently damaged.

An announcement regarding Pacifist Family Institute to be held at West Bridgewater, Vermont, Eighth Month 29 - Ninth Month 5 under auspices of A. F. S. C. has been read. The program sounds most interesting. Families are urged to register early. This notice will be posted on our Bulletin.

Lloyd C. Arnold, chairman of Peace + Social Committee brought echoes of the Providence Institute telling of a committee that was appointed to visit the Monthly Meetings, giving help in organizing similar committees in Meeting where none exist.

Russell Brooks reports that a goodly number of Woonsocket Friends attended the various departments of the Institute, receiving inspiration from discussion and materials that were shown.

Russell Brooks announces a special Meeting to be held in the historic So. Uxbridge Friends Meeting House on May 17th at 3 p. m. Our Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel (are) is to have charge of the Meeting for Worship.

As Russell Brooks is attending Meetings in Richmond, Ind. this coming week, we wish him to convey greetings of this Meeting to Harold Tollefson, Elton Trueblood former pastors and other former New Englanders.

-24-'53 Our business being accomplished, we conclude.
11 members present. Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

5-29-'53 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fifth Month 29, 1953.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $251.32 on hand in General Fund with all current bills paid.

A letter from Clayton W. Spinney, chairman of the Gen. Equalization Fund Com. suggests that a member from each Monthly Meeting be appointed to receive contributions for this Fund, to be forwarded to Yearly Meeting Treasurer. The treasurer is appointed to receive contributions. It is suggested that this matter might well be presented in the Meeting for Worship.

An announcement informs us that up to Apr. 30, $13,179.57 toward the Combined Budget had been paid, leaving $1,420.43 still needed. If we wish to send more, contributions must be in by June 1st.

A letter from American Friends Fellowship Council and Friends World Committee, American section has been read asking continued interest and financial support. As our last contribution of five dollars was given in Seventh Month '51, we are united in authorizing our treasurer to send five dollars for the work of this Joint Committee at this time.

A letter from R. Ernest Lamb with enclosed leaflets "Time, Talent and Treasure" and "The Earth is the Lord's" which are available for free distribution has been read. A booklet "Stewardship Facts" gives pertinent information regarding contributions for religious purposes, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% being given in 1951. Emphasis on the value of stewardship should be given either through a Stewardship Committee or some other presentation.

5-29-'53 The booklet "Stewardship Facts will be given to Finance Committee for study. Leaflets mentioned will be secured for distribution. The Nominating Committee is requested to bring in names for a Stewardship Committee to our next Monthly Meeting.

Get Well cards
Harry Fisher
Estella Fitts
Robert Ewen

The Sunshine Committee reports 3 Get Well cards and 2 Sympathy cards sent during the month.

Sympathy
Mrs. Helen McCreadie
Mrs. Martin

A letter explaining an insurance policy from Buckley & Scott has been presented. We feel that further study is necessary, so the matter is referred to the Caretakers for study by the whole Committee. If they think it wise, they are to act on it. The matter of distributing the loam in the church yard is also referred to the caretakers.

Russell Brooks expresses appreciation for the contribution from this Meeting toward the expense of his car.

Russell Brooks has accepted an invitation to attend West Falmouth, Mass. Mtg. on July 12th. The matter of supply is left to him.

As is our usual custom, Meetings for Worship here will be discontinued during Aug. to allow the pastor a vacation with the usual remuneration.

No further business appearing, we conclude.
11 members present Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

6-26-'53 No meeting was held Sixth Month 26 for lack of attendance
At a called Meeting held Sixth Month 28 the following Representatives were appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting - Lester Taber, Lloyd C. Arnold, Lauriston Smith, Perling Fisher, Eleanor Moore

7-31-'53 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Seventh Month 31, 1953.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $286.67 on hand in General Fund at end of Fifth Month with all current bills paid

Our Representatives to Quarterly Meeting held in So. Uxbridge report that 3 attended - Lauriston Smith, Lloyd C. Arnold, Berlina Fisher.

A letter and pamphlet from Ernest Lamb encourages a Stewardship Committee in each Monthly Meeting also suggests that copies of the leaflet "Time, Talent and Treasure" which are available on request be distributed to our members. The clerk is directed to secure fifty copies.

As work & fellowship is scheduled at the Work Camp, So. China, Me. with much needed repairs to the Old Pond Meeting House requiring money, we are united in wishing to send five dollars ($5) at this time hoping to increase the amount later.

A communication regarding an Annual Calendar has been received. The matter of decision is laid over to a later period.

A card of thanks and appreciation from the Matheson family for sympathy and kindnesses extended them at the death of Flora Matheson who was a member of our Ladies' Aid for many years has been read.

An announcement of a Church, Peace Conference to be held in Detroit, Mich. in Dec. is received.

The Sunshine Committee reports that in June and July seven Get Well cards and one sympathy

June card were sent.
Harold July Richmond Mowry, Edith B. Mowry, Robert Ewen,
Thayer, Richard McNamara.
Robert Ewen Sympathy - Guy Matheson + Family.
Frances Perry

No further business appearing we conclude.
4 present Melita B. Fisher, clerk

8-28-'53 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Eighth Month 28, 1953.

In the absence of the Asst. Clerk, Doris P. Mowry is appointed to serve.

The report of the Treasurer for July shows a balance of $94.69 on hand with all bills paid to date.

A letter from A.F.S.C. announces a meeting to be held in Philadelphia, Pa. Ninth Month 18-1
Hospitality provided, if desired.

A letter from Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs requesting donations for the Indians, is referred to the Bible School for the annual "Buffalo Hunt." (nickels)

In regard to annual calendar, set up by Philadelphia Race Street, it seems advisable to turn this matter over to Committee on Peace and Social Concern for their study and decision as to whether it seems wise to purchase material needed to carry on.

A second announcement of Joint Workers' Conference at Poughkeepsie, N.Y. has been received. We are anxious for some of our members to attend. Trusting that concerned Friends will feel it a privilege to help defray (of) expenses

8-28-53 we appoint Ruth Smith & Stuart Smith as our Representatives. Cost per person ($6) six dollars.

As Quarterly Meeting will be held here in Tenth Month, the following persons are appointed to arrange a suitable program, Louise Taber, Nellie M. Fisher, Lauriston Smith in conjunction with the Quarterly Meeting Overall Committee.

The Sunshine Committee reports one Get Well card sent Robert Ewen.

Russell Brooks for East Blackstone Committee informs us that it seems wise to have copies of the original agreement taken from the records in the vault of Moses Brown School. As some expense may be incurred, we approve of sending copies to Committee members, expense to be borne by the Treasury.

We approve of our next Monthly Meeting being in the form of a picnic. It is suggested that this be mentioned in a letter to be sent out by the pastor. Barbara Brooks will act as chairman of arrangement for picnic supper.

Our business being accomplished we conclude. Melita B. Fisher, clerk.
8 present.

9-25-53 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Ninth Month 25, 1953

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $57.74 on hand with all current bills paid.

At an Executive Meeting of the Sunday School held recently it was suggested that the Flower Committee be transferred to the Monthly Meeting with the addition

9-25-53 of Marion Ross and Anne Aldrich for the remainder of year. This meets with the approval of this Meeting. At the annual election of officers the personnel of this Committee will be re-considered.

A letter of appreciation from Ruth E. Smith has been read in which she thanks Friends for the privilege of attending the Friends' Workers Conference at Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

A notice of the Annual Meeting of A. F. S. C. on Sat. Oct. 3,53 has been posted on bulletin board.

Inform(ing)ation regarding Peace Work and C. O. counseling is at hand and will be given to Committee on Peace & Social Concerns.

A letter from the A. F. S. C. solicits continued help during the coming year.

An invitation to a farewell reception for Rev. and Mrs. A. Thayer Sanborn of the Baptist Church in Woonsocket has been received. The clerk is directed acknowledge this, expressing our appreciation for their work while in Woonsocket.

As most of us know, two groups of young people are receiving released time Religious Education here on Mon. & Tues. afternoons, respectively. There is a cost for materials which we feel should be met by our Monthly Meeting. We approve of the Monthly Meeting bearing the expense of materials which R. Brooks selects for the group.

Many Friends Meetings, as well as other denominations have a Christian Education Committee it is suggested that we should have such a Committee. We approve and the matter is referred to the Nominating Committee.

9-25-53 The committee for beverages and dessert for Quarterly Meeting is appointed at this time. Marion Ross, chairman.

The following Representatives are appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting to be held here 10th month 18 - Louise Taber, Grace McNamara, Doris P. Mowry, Russel Ross, Lauriston Smith, Chester Smith, Adam Ewen, H.A. Pendleton.

R Brooks plans to send letters inviting parents to attend Rally Day exercises in S.S. remaining for Meeting of Worship.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
Melita B. [illegible], clerk.
12 members & 1 visitor present.

10-30-'53 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Tenth Month 30, 1953.

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Martha Smith is appointed to serve.

Our Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all attended.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $107.54 on hand in General Fund, with all bills paid to date.

An invitation to attend the 250th Anniversary of Saylesville Friends Meeting, Eleventh Month 8th, 1953 has been received. We are asked to have one or more Representatives attend the Morning Meeting for Worship at 11 a.m. The Clerk is requested to find Representatives to attend, if possible.

10-30-'53 A letter from Berenice Ames, from who visited N. England and New York Meetings has been read. She expresses thanks and appreciation to all who made her visits so worthwhile.

Russell Brooks is invited to Greenfield, Mass. on December 13. It will be necessary to secure supply for that day. The matter is left to Russell Brooks under the usual conditions.

A letter enclosing a pamphlet "What is the 5 years Meeting", also a bookmark with a printed prayer are at hand. Free copies of the former may be obtained while the book marks are a one dollar a hundred. The clerk is directed to secure seventy-five (75) copies of the pamphlet.

Pamphlets from Isaac Pennington, from Race and Social Concerns Committee, letters from A.F.S.C. and from Friends Advance were placed in the hands of the proper persons.

A Forward Look - A report of the Evaluatio Conference held Apr. 24-25 has been receive More copies are available upon request. A sug gestion is made that at a future date this report be taken up for discussion.

A. McNamee The Sunshine Committee reported cards
R. Evans three persons in Sept. or Oct.
A. Smith

Russell Brooks informs us that an Open House Meeting will be held downstairs here on Sunday, Nov. 1 in honor of Henrietta P. Pendleton's 75th birthday.

We are pleased to learn that Marcia Smith will attend a in Washington, D.C. Nov. 12-14. The approval of [illegible] expenses to the amount of $15.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk

11 members present.

11-28-53 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Eleventh Month 28th.

The Treasurer reports a balance of $176.01 in treasury with all bills paid.

A letter from Harold Chance, Director of Friends Peace Service, enclosing a pamphlet by Dorothy Day has been received. Extra copies are available. A concern to abolish death penalty is called to our attention. If we wish to help create public opinion regarding this an address is given to which to write.

A Newsletter from Friendsville Academy has been received and will be placed on bulletin board.

A letter from Ernest Lamb acting for Errol T. Elliott asks us to give a special contribution in envelopes provided. Dec. [illegible] is suggested for date of collection. The Meeting approves & the matter will be taken care of by Finance Committee

A statement from R. Ernest Lamb regarding Five Years Meeting Central Office Building Fund has been received. We are urged to send available funds. We have not yet reached our quota of $100 for 1953.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

12-29-53 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Twelfth Month 29, postponed from Twelfth Month 25th on account of Christmas Day being that date.

As our last Monthly Meeting was poorly attended the matter referring to death penalties being abolished was tabled. The letter regarding it is from the Director of Peace Service, a member of A. F. S. C. We approve of requesting twenty-five copies of the pamphlet enclosed by Dorothy Day for distribution.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $ 305.06 on hand with all bills paid.

A letter from J. Rudolph Metz, chairman of N. E. Yearly Meeting Finance Committee wishes the attention of our Finance Committee called to the report of Finance Committee as given in Minutes, p. 45-47. He suggests that the budget be read to the Meeting in full.

A letter from American Section of Friends World Committee announcing a conference in Iowa, Apr. 2-4, '54 invites us to send questions which we think should be considered. We feel that this letter with questions enclosed should be placed with the Peace and Social Concern Committee for further action as they see fit.

A letter of thanks from Phillip Woodbridge, Clerk for two benches our meeting sent to Middle Conn. Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends has been read. The of that Meeting expresses appreciation for the service rendered by Russell Brooks at their first meeting in a building of their own.

Agnes Smith
Rich. McNamara
Robert Ewen
Addie Paine
Richmond Mowry
Eliz. Fisher

← The Sunshine Committee reports six Christmas cards sent in December. For the year 64 cards

Get Well Cards 35 Cheer Up 2 Hope 1
Birthday [illegible] 1 Sympathy [illegible] Thanksgiving 6 = 64
Valentines 2 Easter 5 Christmas 6
12-29-'53 were sent + call on [illegible] Paine + Agnes Smith.

The Report of the Nominating Committee is received + approved with two recommendations 1) All committees be required to meet at least three times during the calendar year. 2) All committees be required to report to the Monthly Meeting at least three times during the calendar year at times selected by the clerk in consultation with the respective committees. It is unanimous that a Christian Education Committee be appointed. The 1954 Nominating Committee will submit names for the above mentioned Committee at our next Monthly Meeting.

Officers + Committees for the coming year:
Clerk Melita B. Fisher
Asst. Clerk Jessie F. Ewen
Treasurer Nellie M. Fisher
Correspondent Mae B. Todd

Elders (terms expire in 1955) Joseph C. Estes, Adam L. Ewen, Grace E. McNamara
Finance Committee Russel J. Ross, Nellie M. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Muriel McGee, Lester R. Taber, Walter Symes, Robert E. Mowry.
Caretakers - Lewiston Smith, Lester R. Taber, Adam L. Ewen, Muriel McGee, Louise Keats.
Relief and Sunshine Committee - H. A. Pendleton, Leona Ewen, Mae B. Todd.
Missionary Committee - Mae B. Todd, Barbara Brooks, Leona L. Ewen, Ruth Smith, Barbara Rhodes, Marcia Smith.
Stewardship Committee - Ruth Smith, Eunice Strobel, Louise Keats and one young person to be selected by the committee and reported to the next Monthly Meeting.
Cemetery Committees:
Mapleville - Joseph C. Estes
Woonsocket - Adam L. Ewen, Carlton Aldrich, Doris C. [illegible]

12-29-'53 East Blackstone - Russell D. Brooks, Melita B. Fisher, Richard McNamara.
Flower Committee - Marion Ross, Nellie M. Fisher, Anne Aldrich, Lois Follett, Gail Ross, Susan Ewen.
Ushers - Russell J. Ross, Robert E. Mowry, Douglas L. Follett, Glenn L. Smith, Ernest Howard, F. Lauriston Smith
Music Committee - Melita B. Fisher, Barbara L. Brooks, Laura E. Follett, Martha Smith.
Committee on Peace & Social Concerns - Lloyd C. Arnold, Lester R. Taber, Kenneth Smith, Bessie F. Ewen.
Delegates to the Woonsocket Council of Church Women
Melita B. Fisher
Delegates to Woonsocket area Protestant Laymen's Fellowship - Lester R. Taber, Robert E. Mowry.

The pastor, the Sunday School Supt., officers and teachers are commended for their faithful work throughout the year.

We approve of an Annual Bulletin being issued by the Finance Committee.

Russell Brooks asks us to consider the advisability of sending monthly bulletins to our members. The approximate cost about two and one half dollars. An encouraging note in the attendance of Morning Meeting was shown. In 1949 attend. 38+, 1950-'52 - 39+ and in '53 - 43+

Representateves appointed to Quarterly Meeting to be held in Worcester, Mass. First Month 17th are Richard McNamara, Russell Ross, Doris P. Mowry, Barbara Brooke, Mae B. Todd, Adam L. Ewen.

The Nominating Committee appointed for 1954 is Nellie M. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Louise Taber, Wilma Smith, Robert Mowry, Eleanor Mowry.

12-29-53 Our business being accomplished we conclude
Melita B. Fisher clerk

1954
1st Mo. 29 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I., First Month 29, 1954

The minutes of last meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer for December shows a balance of $441.27 in General Fund with all bills paid to date.

Usually in Second Month, a special collection is taken for the Woonsocket Hospital Aid with the approval of the Finance Committee. If the request is made this year we approve of loose collection being given for the above mentioned purpose.

Mabel A. Thayer
Robert Ewen
Priscilla Follett

The Sunshine Committee reports that 3 Get Well cards were sent since our last meeting.

A letter from the Board on Christian Education has been received announcing a Seminar for High School Young Friends in Washington, D.C. Third Month 10-13. Registration $3 must be in by Third Month 3rd. The possibility of a young person from this meeting attending will be sought.

A letter from the Five Years' Meeting of Friends concerning "A Forward Look" asks us to send our reactions, concerns and conclusions concerning the booklet mentioned above to help the Committee headed by Leonard R. Hall in its thinking. A schedule of Boards & Committees which will meet in Richmond Ind. Fourth Month 19 is enclosed. We approve of a group meeting being held at the close of the February Monthly Meeting to study the booklet to obtain

1-29-54 a clearer insight.

Eleanor Mowry with the Clerk is appointed to prepare the Statistical Report to be forwarded to Quarterly and Yearly Meetings.

A one day Conference on Quakers and Peace will be held at Cambridge, Mass. on Saturday Second Month 6th. If you plan to attend the 11:00 a.m. meeting, carry lunch. Reservations for supper must be made ahead. Questions to be considered: What is the Basis for Peace Action? 2. What should that Action be Today? It is hoped that each Monthly Meeting will be represented.

A letter from Friends Council on Education from Philadelphia, Pa. has been received encouraging us to send funds to help carry on the work among Friends' schools and colleges. This letter is referred to the Christian Education Committee. We approve of sending one dollar ($1) as we did last year.

Pledge Brotherhood Campaign has sent sample leaflets telling of their work. The literature will be placed in the hands of the Peace and Social Concern Committee.

A letter from Margaret Crowell of Norwell, Mass. acting for Committee of Meetings asking us to sponsor a Friends' Meeting on Sept. 12 has been received. Owing to the distance + the fact that we sponsor a similar Meeting in So. Uxbridge, we feel it wise to decline the request. Russell Brooks is asked to answer the letter stating that he as Field Secretary will attend with others who find it possible to do so.

1-29-54 The chairman of Nominating Committee brought in the names of the following to constitute the Christian Education Committee Barbara Brooks, Lloyd Arnold, Marion Ross, Wilma Smith.

Russell Brooks reporting for Stewardship Committee informs us that Marcia Smith has been added to the Committee.

It has been suggested and approved that ten dollars ($10) be given the Sunshine Committee at this time. If need arises for further money, a request from the Committee will be received.

Russell Brooks is requested to have the Chairmen of Committees meet with him at a time suitable for him.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer's received, audited and approved is as follows

Treasurer's Report

Jan. 1, 1953 to Jan. 1, 1954

Receipts

Balance on hand Gen. Fund 12th Mo. 31, '53	$182.02
" " " in 5 yrs. Mtg. Bldg. Fund	11.00
Collections	2471.27
Miscellaneous collections	125.81
Collections for United Budget	269.57
From Invested Funds	510.45
For 5 years' Mtg. Bldg. Fund	63.00
From Ladies' Aid	50.00
	$ 3,683.12

Expenditures

Pastor's Salary	$1602.00
For substitute pastors	20.00
Janitor's salary	180.00
United Budget	509.57

1-29-'54	Light and Water	$144.18
	Oil for heating	211.21
	Insurance	160.66
	Repairs	27.80
	Five Years Meeting Bldg. Fund	74.00
	Investments - purchase of stock	27.00
	Miscellaneous	$ 285.43
		3,241.85
	Balance on hand in Gen. Fund 12/31/53	441.27

Respectfully submitted,
Signed - Nellie M. Fisher, Treasurer

Unanimous approval was given to donating a bonus of $100 to our pastor.

The report of the Investment Committee has been read which will be recorded. It is as follows:

Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends - Year ending 12/31/53

Nancy Inman Fund - income for use of Mtg.	$100.00
Abbie M. Harris " " " " " "	1000.00
James Pitts Memorial Fund " " " "	2000.00
C. B. + R. B. Brown Fund income " " " "	400.00
Dency A. Wilbur " " " " "	5000.00
Isabel Read " " " " " "	331.14
M. + A. Walling " " " " " "	1000.00
" " " " " " " " " "	500.00
Hannah Southwick " for bldg., cem. + fence	400.00
Nelson Taft " " repairs of mtg. house	200.00
James S. Read " income for S. School	331.14
A. + A. Cranston " " " S.S. missions	190.01
Gertrude Pinkham " " " flower Committee	100.00
Eliz. S. Aldrich " income + prin. for needy women	35.51
Andrew Comstock " for E. B. Mtg. House + cem.	500.00
E. Blackstone Mtg. House - income + prin. for above use	110.00
Avis B. Steere Fund - after 25 yrs. prin. may be used 8/3/45	500.00
Woon. Cemetery " for repairs of fence + upkeep	25.00
Mapleville " " income for upkeep of M. cem.	100.00
Total funds in trust	$12822.80
Interest held in "	683.87
Total	13506.67

1-29-'54 Investments

			Int.
R. I. Hospital Trust Co.	# 47136	$1551.29	
Woon. Instit. for Savings	# 106961	331.14	
R. I. Hosp. Trust Co.	# 28307	260.04	70.03
	# 6290	121.85	21.85
	# 13085	91.72	56.21
Woon. Instit. for Savings	# 50614	844.04	344.04
Industrial Trust	# 15626	137.65	27.65
" "	# 2772	264.09	164.09
			683.87
Woon. Instit. for Savings ## 66439. Gen. Fund		$4924.73	123.10
Prov. Washington Ins. Co. (32 shs. stock)		880.	48.00
Prov. Union Nat. Bank (13 shs. ")		1066	42.25
1st Nat. Bank of Boston (22 " ")		1089	61.36
2 100 U S Savings Bonds (9-43)		200	
2 1000 U.S. ~~Trust~~ Treasury " 2½% of 1967.72		1932.50	50.00
1 1000 N. Y. & Putnam R. R. Co. 4% of 1993 (Bond)		610.00	40.00
1 1000 Tel. & Tel. 2¾% of 4182 (Bond)		913.75	27.50
Plantation Bank of R. I. Cert. of deposit		2150.00	45.00
Value of funds held in trust		19406.60	510.45 paid by treas.
Less total held in trust		13506.67	
Investments available for our use		$5899.93	

The budget for the coming year has been presented and will be printed in our annual bulletin.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

2-26-'54 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R. I. Second Month, 26, 1954

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Louise Taber is appointed to serve.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance

2-26-'54 of $521.66 in General Fund with all bills paid to date.

A letter from the Religious Society of Friends of Honolulu, Hawaii has been read in which they ask us to pray that the President and law makers may be guided in granting statehood to the island of Hawaii. While they endorse the move for statehood they wish to retain a larger dedication to "that of God in every man."

A letter with a folder enclosed, showing projects for young Friends is at hand from Harold Chance Director Friends Peace Service. One of the folders has been placed on Bulletin Board.

At the last Quarterly Meeting a Nominating Committee should have been named to appoint officers to fill various fields, also Representatives to Yearly Meeting. Bolton & Worcester have been requested to appoint a Nominating Committee and we are to appoint two members. Time will be given this Committee to meet previous to the Quarterly Meeting Business Mtg. Henrietta A. Pendleton & Louise Taber are named on this Committee.

As Quarterly Meeting meets here Fourth Month 11th, we appoint Eleanor Mowry, Eunice Strobel, Russel Ross to serve as Committee on Arrangements with Russell Brooks ex officio.

As some planning will be necessary regarding the mid-day meal at Quarterly Meeting, we appoint Marion Ross and Ruth Smith with others whom they choose to take charge of the matter.

A Committee from Ladies' Aid was appointed to get prices on covering the seat cushions of the Church. The cost of $800 is more than the Ladies' Aid can undertake alone. A year ago

-26-'54 this Meeting on record as being willing to pay a reasonable amount but no specific sum was named. Until the Ladies' Aid knows what financial help the Meeting can give, it cannot proceed. The Meeting approves of paying half or $400 for the work the securing of that sum is left to the Finance Committee.

Lloyd C. Arnold, chairman of Peace and Social Concern Committee makes a request for literature. We approve of granting this Committee ten dollars ($10) at this time.

Russell Brooks expresses appreciation to this Meeting for the gift received.

gnes Smith The Sunshine Committee reports five valentines
die Paine sent this month & a call made on Addie Paine.
y. Fisher
hmond Mowry Our business being accomplished we conclude.
cilla Follett 9 present

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

3-26-54 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Third Month 26, 1954.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $410.64 on hand with all current bills paid.

The Statistical Report of this Meeting is presented, a copy of which will be sent to the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting and one kept here.

The Queries have been read and time given for consideration. The following Representatives were appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting to be held here Fourth Month 11th — Lester R. Taber, Bessie Ewen, Lauriston Smith, Laura Follett, Gail Ross, Ernest Howard, Jr.

Statistics for *Smithfield* Monthly Meeting for 19*53*

PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All Monthly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.

	Particular Meetings			Totals
1. Number of Members last year,	131			
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,				
3. Additions by Birth,				
4. Additions by Request,				
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,				
6. Additions by Letter from another Denomination,				
7. Total Additions,				
8. Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,				
9. Loss by Death,				
10. Loss by Disownment,				
11. Loss by Resignation,				
12. Loss by Discontinuance,	1			
13. Loss by Certificate to Another Friends Meeting,				
14. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,				
15. Total Loss,				
16. Number of Members this year,	130			
17. Net Gain,				
18. Net Loss,	1			
19. Number of Males,	56			
20. Number of Females,	74			
21. Number under 21 years of age,	26			
22. Number of Associate Members,	21			
23. Number of Associate Members Transferred to Active Membership,				
24. Number of Resident Members,	105			
25. Number of Non-Resident Members,	25			

3-26-'54 The Report of the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting, having been approved by the Meeting of Ministry and Council has been read. This report will be forwarded to Clerk of Quarterly Meeting.

Bessie Ewen The Sunshine Committee reports four Get Well
Priscilla Follett cards and one birthday card sent this month.
Anne Aldrich
Beatrice Mowry A letter from James F. Walker, Executive Secretary
Eliz. Fisher (B.) of Friends World Committee, American Section + Fellowship Council informs us that Friends Fellowship Council and American Section of Friends World Committee have merged and are now known as Friends World Committee, American Section + Fellowship Council.

In June 1953 our contribution to this work was ($5) five dollars and it is hoped that our interest will continue. We approve of sending ($5) five dollars for this work.

A letter from the United Congregational Church of Little Compton, R.I. celebrating its 250 th Anniversary invites us to participate in a service on Sunday, August 29th at 11 a.m. It is understood that in the p.m. at the historic Friends Meeting House a service will be held. We are asked for a reply to the invitation and we accept with thanks promising representation.

A letter from Errol T. Elliott tells us, of the work at the Daniel + Emily Oliver orphanage in Lebanon where spiritual and financial help is needed to help carry on the work. We encourage individual giving.

A letter regarding donations for the General Equalization Fund of N.E. Yearly Meeting has been read. We are requested to designate one of our members to receive contributions to be

3-26-54 forwarded to Finley H. Perry. Nellie M. Fisher is appointed for that service. We approve of this Meeting giving ten dollars ($10).

A letter from Florine G. Miller, Foreign Service Section of A.F.S.C. writes asking assistance in bringing refugees to this country. Monthly Meetings are asked to sponsor this project. While we are sympathetic to the project, we feel that there is little we can do at this time.

A letter from Friendsville Academy, Tenn. thanks us for past help and asks for continued support in giving worthy students an education. We approve of sending ten dollars ($10) for this work.

Information regarding films from Rice Film Co., Manchester, N.H. is at hand for those interested.

Lloyd Arnold reports on a Conference held in Worcester, Mass. where Raymond Wilson gave information on affairs at Congress, Communism, McCarthyism, etc. We all should do everything possible to prevent a third war, writing our Congressmen + supporting the work of United Nations.

Russell Brooks added to this report that R. Wilson is one of the most respected lobbyists in Washington.

The matter of painting woodwork upstairs was referred to Caretakers with the hope that at least the platforms at front of auditorium might be done before Quarterly Meeting.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher clerk

4-30-'54 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fourth Month 30, 1954.

The Minutes of last meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $300.37 in General Fund with all current bills paid.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all but one were in attendance.

Agnes Smith
Addie Paine
Eliz. Fisher
Robert Owen
Anne Aldrich
Richmond Mowry
Ida Hall
Ruth Smith

The Sunshine Committee reports six Easter cards sent + one Get Well card.

The Committee of Arrangements for Quarterly Meeting report through Russell Brooks, ex officio that it was successful and well attended. Although arrangements were generally satisfactory the continuing committee were requested to consider the young people's part in Quarterly Meeting.

The Dinner Committee reports that there were quantities of food, that seemed to be enjoyed by all. The committee appreciated the assistance of the men who washed dishes after dinner. These committees are released and Monthly Meeting expresses appreciation for their services.

A letter from Ernest Lamb informs us of the ground breaking ceremony for the new Central Office Building on April 24th. He reminds us that $74 of our anticipated $300 has been paid. It is suggested that this letter be referred to the Finance Committee. Russell Brooks commented on being present at the ground breaking ceremony, giving a rough sketch of the floor plan.

A letter from Harold Chance with a summary enclosed listing the activities of the A.F.S.C. has been read. At a retreat conference held recently

4-30-54 the Committee sought for the way of God in our work; stressing spiritual values. The enclosures are to be placed on table and bulletin board in the hall.

The East Blackstone Meeting House problem is before us once more. At a program committee meeting of the Mendon Historical Society, a few concerned friends expressed a hope that the building might be restored. Their thought was that our meeting should be responsible for it as we are the owners. Russell Brooks reports that the committee from this Meeting has the matter under consideration and plans to meet with interested people of East Blackstone in the near future to see what use may be made of the Meeting House and what arrangements can be made for restoring it.

A letter from Franklin Dixon of the A.F.S.C. has been read. No direct action from Monthly Meeting is considered necessary. The enclosed leaflet will be placed on the hall table.

The Stewardship Committee volunteers to work with the Finance Committee toward raising the balance of our contribution to the Building Fund

Barbara Brooks reports for Mae Todd that the Missionary Committee met with Mae, Tuesday April 27th. The committee requests that part of October Monthly Meeting be given over to a book review or other mission emphasis by the committee. They also request a sum of $5 to purchase a book + mite boxes for members of S. School to fill during the summer. We approve of these requests.

Lauriston Smith reports that the platform was painted before Quarterly Meeting and asked that the janitor be provided with paint to finish the [illegible] work. This is approved.

4-30-54 Our business being concluded (accomplished) we adjourn
Ass't. Clerk
Bessie F. Ewen

5-29-'54 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fifth Month 29, 1954

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $158.11 in General Fund with all bills, except a late insurance bill, paid to date.

A letter from Finley N. Perry, Yearly Meeting Treasurer has been read giving us information regarding Yearly Meeting budget, urging Meetings to send delayed pledges as soon as possible. All available funds from this meeting have been sent.

A letter from Russell Johnson, Peace Education Secretary of A. F. S. C. with enrollment blanks for the Wonalancet Institute is at hand. Any one interested will find this material on table in hall.

Since our last Monthly Meeting the Committee on E. Blackstone Cemetery met with an interested group in E. Blackstone to talk over the abandonment or restoration of the E. Blackstone Meeting House. At this meeting an organization to be known as the Quaker Meeting House Association of E. Blackstone, was formed. Members of the Assoc. were appointed to attend Smithfield Monthly Meeting outlining a plan of action in cooperation with our Meeting.

R. Brooks, chairman of the E. B. Cemetery Com. informed the Monthly Meeting of the action taken at E. B., introducing Mrs. Schofield Kelly

President, Harold Hammann & Gilbert Chase, the Organization Committee.

The agreement of the So. Uxbridge group with Worcester Meeting was read and the E. Blackstone group presents a similar one.

R. Brooks gave a brief history of our ownership of E. B. Meeting House & Cemetery.

At this time we give permission for restoration of building and grounds to proceed with the understanding that at the end of a stated time period definite disposition be made of the property. Money available for the project in our treasury will be given the Association. Further action will be taken at our next Monthly Meeting.

A letter from R. Ernest Lamb gives the Yearly Meeting Assessment Budget for 1954 & 55 as $21,234.40 (30½ cts. per member) and the United Service Budget as $150,000. Our Yearly Meeting Treas. will inform us as to our proportion.

Information of two High School Institutes of International Relations has been received. Regular forms are at hand for any who may be able to attend.

As our next Monthly Meeting date occurs in Yearly Meeting week, we approve of holding the Meeting on Wednesday Sixth Month 30th.

Our treasurer is authorized to send Mr. Joseph Hiscock, Treas. the sum of $110 for use of the Quaker Meeting House Assoc. of E. Blackstone.

The Finance Committee reports that our quota for Yearly Meeting Budget has been paid & that letters reminding our members of pledges for Building Fund have been sent also.

5-29-'54 Doris P. Mowry raises the question as to whether any money could be added to the $25 in our Iron Cemetery fund. R. Brooks reports that the caretakers are considering repairs to fence.

We approve of holding a Union Service at this place the first Sunday in September, if possible.

No further business we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

10 members present
5 from E. Blackstone

6-30-54 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Sixth Month 30th, 1954.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and approved.

In the absence of the clerk and assistant Clerk, Russell D. Brooks is appointed to serve.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance on hand in general fund of $125.22 with all current bills paid.

The Queries are read and time given for consideration. The Representatives appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting to be held in So. Uxbridge, Mass. Seventh Month 18, 1954 are Ruth C. Smith, Mae B. Todd, Richard McNamara, Robert Mowry, Doris P. Mowry, Ernest Howard, Jr., Louise Taber.

The matter of the E. Blackstone Meeting House Association is put over to our next meeting.

We have received a letter from Milton H. Hadley on behalf of Y.F.M. Camp at Pond Meeting suggesting that

-30-'54 gifts for Camp are acceptable and should be sent to Myron I Jenness, Dover, N.H. We approve of giving five dollars ($5.00) from the general fund to be added to other gifts from the members of the meeting.

A pamphlet listing prices of Pendle Hill tracts is at hand, a special offer of 6 for $2. (two dollars)

At this time the meeting considered the question of keeping the Meeting House here open for unprogrammed Worship during August. We refer the matter to Ministry & Council for a recommendation to our next Meeting. We now approve of giving the parson a vacation with pay for the month of August and the first Sunday of September.

Members attending Yearly Meeting inform us that the United Budget broken down averages about ($5.30) five dollars and thirty cents per member.

After our last Monthly Meeting it seemed necessary to have another councillor or chaperone to attend Yearly Meeting. Ruth Smith was named & we feel that the expense of ($11) eleven dollars should be paid by the Meeting. This was done & Ruth expresses thanks for the opportunity.

The caretakers recommend that the janitor be paid ($25) twenty-five dollars extra for painting floors, etc. This is approved.

Russell D. Brooks makes a preliminary announcement of the annual Joint Workers' Conference of Friends from New York and New England to be held at Moses Brown School on Sept. 14-16 and of the one day Workers' Institutes to be held later in the fall.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Acting Clerk

7-30-'54 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Seventh Month 30, 1954.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $89.40 on hand with all current bills paid.

A letter from Harold Chance, Director Friends Peace Service with Proposals on the Indo-Chinese crisis has been received. If needed for discussion more copies are available.

A request from a group of East Blackstone residents in regard to the use of the Quaker Meeting House has been ~~a~~ read, a copy of which will be placed on our Minutes. We gladly grant the request and appoint three members from our Meeting to cooperate with the Organization Committee of the East Blackstone group. Our appointees are Doris B. Mowry, Grace McNamara, Lloyd C. Arnold.

Eliz. Fisher
Leona Ewen
Crystal Bates

The Sunshine Committee reports (3) three Get Well cards sent this last month.

A recommendation from Meeting of Ministry and Council that an unprogrammed Meeting be held here Eighth Month 1, has been reported to this Meeting. We approve of this recommendation and would suggest that if it seems advisable further meetings may be held; those in attendance being in charge.

No further business appearing we adjourn.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

7-30-'54 Copy of the Request from East Blackstone group.

A Request to the Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends from a Group of East Blackstone People.

For the greater part of our lives the members of this group have been variously affiliated with the community activities of the Quaker Meeting House located in East Blackstone. Individually our group represents several denominations.

Considering our past affiliations and the present opportunity for further religious services to the community, together with the desirability of conserving and making accessible this [illegible] old landmark, we request that the Smithfield Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends consider granting the use of the property to the interested group for a period of five years: for the following purposes:

1. The grounds will be cleaned and made generally presentable.
2. The ~~meeting~~ house will be repaired and restored authentically as possible.
3. The cost of restoration will be defrayed by group donations and personal gifts
4. The Meeting House will then be available for any religious services, educational programs patriotic exercises and historical interests that the directors of the group deem permissible.
5. The maintenance of the property will be made possible by gifts and free will offerings.
6. No sale of historic or religious literature or social activity that would conflict with the spiritual heritage of the Meeting House would be permitted on Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by
Harold W. Hammann
Gilbert L. Chase
Charlotte H. Wood
Violet H. Small

8-27-54 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Eighth Month 27, 1954.

In the absence of the Asst. Clerk, Doris F. [illegible]

with programs announcing an [illegible] Institute [illegible] Worcester Meeting informs us that such a conference will be held at Friendly Crossways, Harvard, Mass. Sept. 5-6. Cost $1, room & board. For registration and tuition $2.50. If you attend [illegible] bedding towels and warm clothing.

A letter from [illegible] Organization of Quaker [illegible] enclose names of Friends residing near our Mtg. asks us to contact these Friends, report results, with names of our non-residents [illegible] This matter is referred to our pastor.

A [illegible] of the 250th anniversary of United Congregational Church of Little Compton, R.I. is at hand.

[illegible] The Sunshine Committee reports [illegible] cards sent.

R. Brockman's announcement concerning the Annual Fall Conference Sept. 14-16 at Moses Brown School sponsored by New York and New England Yearly Meetings. Speakers Harold Chance & Charles Lampman. Topic - "Total Need with Total Concern." All who can [illegible] come.

[illegible] of the dedication of Bolton Meeting House at Sturbridge, Mass is Oct. 2 Alexander Purdy-speaker

8-27-54 In [illegible] Central Village a local Institute with four departments of work - Missions, Christian Education, Peace & Social Concerns & Young Friends.

We approve of appropriating money from treasury for [illegible] person [illegible] to attend the Conference at Moses Brown School. It is suggested that the Missionary Committee endeavor to find a Representative.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Melita [illegible] Fisher, clerk

9-24-54 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Ninth Month 24, 1954

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $88.74 with all current bills paid.

[illegible] The Sun[illegible] [illegible] care [illegible]

A letter from Lancaster, [illegible] Friends [illegible] for a Meeting House. They ask for gifts of any amount to help complete their goal. An announcement [illegible] question will be made.

A letter from Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors soliciting financial aid has been read. The [illegible] other information on these matters. [illegible] consideration.

A copy of Christ & the [illegible] has been received, also a letter informing us that these books may

[illegible] be obtained for [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] on[illegible]

As on[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] amara,
Kenneth Smith [illegible]

The Committee attended [illegible] medi[illegible] did by Bessie Ewe[illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] suggestions [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] His sugg[illegible] [illegible] contact [illegible] [illegible]ject, e[illegible] to be [illegible] by the meeting.

The following [illegible] — H. C. [illegible], [illegible] ard McNamara, Mac B. [illegible], Russel Rose, Lester Truet, [illegible] P. Mowry

The Queries are read (at this) [illegible] and for their consideration.

[illegible] were held during Eighth [illegible] [illegible] a decline in [illegible]

[illegible] has reported what he has mentioned in Meetings of Ministry and Council [illegible] that [illegible] once a month, [illegible] on [illegible] basis of [illegible]. The matter [illegible] to the Meeting of Ministry and Council for [illegible] as possible.

[illegible] Brooks, Chairman of Christian Educatio

9-24-54 Committee reports that at a meeting held recently [illegible] of [illegible] Education, [illegible] were discussed. [illegible] will teach [illegible] Mowry, Lloyd [illegible] continue with the High school group.

[illegible] chairman of Missionary Committee [illegible] to S.S. attendance in [illegible] beginning [illegible]

[illegible]

10-20-54 The monthly meeting [illegible] held [illegible], 1954.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $162.04 in General Fund, $20.20 in United Budget.

A letter from Milton Hadley & Winslow Osborne reminds us of our pledge to Five Years Building Fund, June 1955 [illegible] payment. The matter is again [illegible] Finance Committee hoping [illegible] be achieved within the given time.

A letter from [illegible], Peace Education [illegible] suggests that [illegible] available to visit our meeting at a time we might designate. It is suggested that we invite Russell Johnson to attend our January Monthly Meeting. The Peace and Social [illegible] Committee [illegible] time.

[illegible] letter from Milton Hadley announcing a [illegible] at [illegible] month 31, [illegible] asks [illegible] for [illegible]

10-[illegible]

[illegible] follows:

The [illegible] Committee [illegible] Neil [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Ministry and Counsel [illegible] following persons be received into fellowship with [illegible] by letter from [illegible] [illegible] accept the [illegible] will return the [illegible] and [illegible] action

A bill of $15.50 for [illegible], cleaning [illegible] and [illegible] has been presented. The Treasurer is instructed to reimburse Adam L. Ewen, Sr. The Meeting is most grateful for work accomplished.

The Steward[illegible] Committee is [illegible] Roll Call meeting on Thursday, Nov. 18. The main purpose is to talk over finances, enjoy a program, a covered dish supper and mingle in a friendly way. The Monthly Meeting is asked to underwrite the cost of postage and meet any deficit incurred for supper. We approve of this program and the treasurer will be informed of our action.

Our Monthly Meeting being [illegible] the pictures of Okla[illegible] which [illegible] to be shown will be used in the Bible School session.

Our representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all but one attended.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Melita B. Eisner, clerk

Approved

11-12-51 [illegible] Meeting of [illegible]

[illegible]

The [illegible] last meeting was read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $245.03 in General Fund and $40.41 in United Budget.

A [illegible] in [illegible] will be happy to attend our [illegible] Meeting. The nature of the program is left to the [illegible] on [illegible].

One from [illegible] of [illegible] Meeting House Society thanks us for [illegible] $4.[illegible] set [illegible]

A [illegible], accompanied by [illegible] on [illegible]

[illegible], Chairman of Arrangements Committee of N.E. Yearly Meeting June 21-26 writes [illegible] suggestion that the reports on Spiritual Condition in Monthly Meeting be shortened, [illegible] summary of [illegible]

[illegible] balance [illegible] would be much appreciated [illegible]

The [illegible] Committee [illegible] appointed to find ways and means [illegible] [illegible] Barbara Brooke, Ladies' [illegible] – [illegible], Bible School [illegible] Taber, Stewardship – [illegible] Keith, [illegible]

1-?-54 [illegible], Finance Committee
Russell Ross. This [illegible] of
Finance Committee of [illegible]
Russell Brooks will [illegible] Committee.

[illegible] a sunshine basket at Thanksgiving time [illegible]

[illegible] successful, data as to attendance, [illegible] will be given later. [illegible] to the committee. The clerk is directed to send a note of thanks to Willard and Edith [illegible] for the beautiful pictures shown and the talk that accompanied them.

[illegible] for the coming year have been received and will be sent out soon.

[illegible] is appointed reporter from this Meeting to [illegible] news to Newsletter [illegible] Clerk will notify [illegible] of her appointment.

[illegible] this meeting concludes
Mabel E. [illegible]

12-31-54 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Twelfth Month 31, 1954

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Louise Tavet was appointed to serve.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read and one correction made.

12-31-'54 The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $262.96 on hand in General Fund with all current bills paid. $20.91 in United Budget.

A letter from J. Rudolph Metz, Chairman Yearly Meeting Finance Committee informs us that the Treasurer is not receiving necessary funds on a monthly basis to meet the budget. He asks for remarks or suggestions. This letter is referred to the Finance Committee for its consideration.

A letter from Friends Committee on National Legislation appeals to us to support their work. $100 is suggested for each Monthly Meeting. Money is necessary to carry on legislative activities with Congress. Early in 1955 the threat of military conscription will be before Congress. This letter with News-letters and contribution envelopes is referred to Peace and Social Concern Committee.

Literature concerning film strips is available which will be placed in the hands of Christian Education Committee.

A communication from Alexander C. Purdy Chairman of Friends World Conference, American Section & Fellowship Council informs us of an "All Friends in America" conference to be held at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio in late June and early July 1957. Enclosed are seven questions that Monthly Meetings are asked to consider before March 10, '55. These questions are referred to Meeting of Ministry and Counsel with the suggestion that if it seems advisable the matter might be considered at our February Monthly Meeting.

Literature from A. F. S. C. regarding Refugee & Migration Matters is at hand & will be placed on Literature Table.

12-31-'54 The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent
to Leona Ewen, Christmas cards
Agnes Smith to five (shut-ins) 1 sympathy card sent + toilet water
Eddie Paine
Eliz. Fisher sent to three members at Christmas time. Agnes Smith
Crystal Bates Eddie Paine
Cornell + Ann A. - sympathy - Madeline Cooke Eliz. Fisher

The Annual Report of Sunshine Committee is as follows: 19 Get Well cards, 6 valentines, 1 birthday, 6 Easter, 2 sympathy, 5 Christmas - total 39.

Three bottles of toilet water (Violet Alcohol) were given shut-ins at Christmas at a cost of $2.25

The Queries are read and time given for their consideration and we appoint Eleanor Mowry, Eunice Strobel, Louise Taber, Russel Ross, Robert Mowry, Ernest Howard Jr. as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting in Worcester, Mass. 1st Month 16th.

The report of the Nominating Committee is received and approved and is as follows:
Clerk - Melita B. Fisher
Asst. Clerk - Bessie F. Ewen
Treasurer - Nellie M. Fisher
Correspondent - Mae B. Todd
Elders whose terms expire in 1957 are Mabel A. Thayer, Henrietta A. Pendleton, Nellie M. Fisher, Mae B. Todd.
In 1956 - Joseph C. Estes, Adam F. Ewen, Grace McNamara
In 1955 - Melita B. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold + Russel Ross.

Finance Committee - Russel Ross, Nellie M. Fisher, Muriel McFee, Lester R. Taber, Louise Taber, Eleanor Mowry, Walter Symes, Kenneth D. Smith.
Caretakers - Lauriston Smith, Louise Corrigan, Leslie Follett, Francis Worrall, Marion Ross and Sybil Dowling.
Relief and Sunshine Committee - Henrietta A. Pendleton, Leona A. Ewen, Mae B. Todd, Frances Perry, Edna Trask.
Missionary Committee - Robert E. Mowry, Lloyd C. Arnold, Beverly Taber, Gail Ross, Martha Smith,

2-31-54 Grace E. McNamara.

Stewardship Committee - Louise M. Keats, Ruth Smith, Eunice Strobel, Marjorie Doyle, Barbara Rhodes.

Christian Education Committee - Barbara Brooks, Lottie Brindle, Doris P. Mowry, Marcia Smith.

Young Friends Activities Committee - Louise Taber, Eleanor Mowry, Wilma Smith, Marion Ross, Martha Smith.

Peace + Social Concern Committee - Lloyd C. Arnold, Lester B. Taber, Kenneth Smith, Bessie F. Ewen.

Music Committee - Melita B. Fisher, Martha Smith, Laura Follett, Carolyn Smith.

Flower Committee - Wilma Smith, Beatrice Mowry, Gloria Allen, Ann Aldrich, Janice Smith, Lois Follett, Susan Ewen.

Cemetery Committees.

Mapleville - Joseph C. Estes

Woonsocket - Adam L. Ewen, Doris P. Mowry, Carlton J. Aldrich.

East Blackstone - Russell D. Brooks, Chester Smith.

Ushers - Ernest Howard Jr., Robert E. Mowry, Robert Taber, Donald Ross, Glenn Smith, Stuart Smith.

Delegate to Woonsocket Council of Church Women
Muriel McFee

Delegates to Woonsocket Area Protestant Laymen's Fellowship - Richard McNamara, Lauriston Smith

The Nominating Committee for 1955 - Eleanor Mowry, Eunice Strobel, Louise Taber, Russel Ross, Robert E. Mowry, Ernest Howard, Jr.

The recommendations of Nominating Com. were adopted + are

1. The advisability of appointing an Asst. Treasurer.
2. The request that a nominal sum be granted the Flower Committee to supply flowers during the winter months, with the thought in mind that they could be used by the Sunshine Committee after the Meeting.

12-31-'54 3. The suggestion that the months in which committe chairmen make their reports be made definite.

Recommendation 1 is referred to the 1955 Nominating Committee.
No. 2 - We approve of allowing the use of money from Gertrude Pinkham Fund for the Flower Committee. Discretion to be used in the amount requested.
3. The chairmen of committees are asked to meet with clerk after their schedule has been arranged, when it will then be determined the best time to present reports to Monthly Meetings.

As the Investment Committee is a standing committee no change was made in appointment. Emerson Mowry who now lives outside of the city wishes to be released as a member of this Committe We regret his inability to serve, appreciating past service. The Nominating Committee is to make recommendation for this office.

The pastor, the Sunday School Superintendent, officers of S. School and Monthly Meeting are commended for their faithfulness during the past year.

We approve of an annual bulletin being issued by the Finance Committee.

Lester Taber reports for the Caretakers that painting was done in auditorium where needed.

It is suggested that in the 1955 Bulletin the finances of Sunday School be included.

The matter of an "Annual Meeting" will be taken up later.

Russell Brooks as convener of special committee to raise funds for Five Years Meeting Bldg.

12-31-54 reports that plans made at a committee meeting have been partly carried out successfully.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
12 present Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

1-28-55 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. First Month 28, 1955.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer for December shows a balance of $347.80 in General Fund with all bills paid to date.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer is received, audited and approved and is as follows:

Treasurer's Report

Jan. 1, 1954 to January 1, 1955.

Receipts	
Balance on hand in Gen. Fund 12/31/53	$441.27
Collections	2404.36
Miscellaneous collections	109.21
Collections for United Budget	220.03
From Invested Funds	522.53
For 5 yrs. Mtg. Bldg. Fund	58.30
From Ladies Aid	50.00
E. Blackstone Meetinghouse Fund	139.72
From invested funds toward purchase seat cushions	300.00
	$4245.42

Expenditures	
Pastor's Salary	1697.00
For substitute pastors	30.00
Janitor's salary	180.00
United Budget	497.40
Light and Water	158.88
Oil for heating	221.41
Insurance	214.97

1-28-'55	Repairs	$81.00
	Five Years Meeting Building Fund	58.30
	Share toward seat cushions (total $800)	400.00
	Fund turned over to E.B. Quaker Mtghouse Soc.	139.72
	Miscellaneous	218.94
		$3897.62
	Balance on hand in Gen. Fund 12/31/54	347.80

Respectfully submitted,
Nellie M. Fisher, treasurer

The Sunshine Committee reports sympathy cards sent to Frances Penny and to Ruth Farron. The chairman also reported that in December she called on Addie G. Paine one of our members who lives in Providence.

The following named persons are appointed to prepare the Statistical Report which will be forwarded to Quarterly and Yearly Meetings. Melita B. Fisher and Bessie F. Ewen.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all but two attended.

A letter from Friends Council on Education in Philadelphia has been read. While we are interested in the message of Quaker Education we do not feel that a contribution can be made at this time.

A communication from Friends World Committee thanks us for our contribution last year and would appreciate a similar or larger contribution this year as the budget is increased about 20%. We approve of sending six dollars ($6) for this work.

Dates on which various committees will report are East Blackstone Com. - Feb., May, July, Nov.
Fin. Com - at times when it seems necessary.
Peace & Social Concern Com. - last month of each quarter.

1- 28-'55 In twelfth month a letter from Friends Committee on National Legislation was referred to Peace and Social Concern Committee. At this time the Committee suggests that (100) one hundred copies of Special Anti-Conscription Issue - "End Conscription" be secured for distribution. They would also appreciate four (4) subscriptions to Newsletters so that each member of committee may be well informed. We approve of the purchase of these special editions also the (4) four subscriptions to be paid from the treasury.

Lloyd C. Arnold, chairman announced a film to be presented Feb. 13, called "The Toy Maker" under the auspices of the Peace and Social Concern Committee.

We appreciate having with us, Russell Johnson, Peace Education Secretary of A.F.S.C. who gave an interesting and informative talk preceding this Meeting. A covered dish supper was enjoyed under the auspices of the Peace and Social Concern Committee.

Albert Keats is also acceptably present.

The Finance Committee presents the budget for 1955 which is approved.

	1954	1955
Pastor's salary	$1612	$1716
Janitor's "	180	180
Fuel, light, water	500	400
Insurance	200	200
United Budget (By addition to $260.00 / Estimated coll. from envelopes)	240	340
Repairs	400	400
Improvements	800	800
	3932	4036
Interest from Invested Funds	500	500
Amount to be raised	$3432	$3536

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

2-25-55 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Second Month 25, 1955.

The Minutes of last meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $305.80 on hand in General Fund with all current bills paid.

A letter from James F. Walker, Executive Secretary and Emma Cadbury, Chairman of Wider Quaker Fellowship of the Friends World Committee, American Section + Fellowship Council encloses literature explaining the purpose and program of Wider Quaker Fellowship + inviting membership.

A letter from Russell R. Johnson, Peace Education Secretary of A.F.S.C. announces the Avon Institute June 12-19 at a cost of $55 per person.

An information sheet on Universal Military Training prepared by A.F.S.C. urges us as interested citizens to consider this matter carefully.

In connection with Universal Military Training suggestions from Friends Committee on National Legislation as to what members of meeting might do are given. This literature will be placed in the hands of Peace and Social Concern Committee who will incorporate the suggestions (them) in the letter to be sent out soon. It is hoped the letters will be read and acted upon.

A letter of thanks and a receipt for six dollars ($6) sent Friends Word Council, Fellowship Council has been received.

The committee appointed last month to prepare the statistical report, reports, a copy of which is appended.

The Sunshine Committee reports 4 Get Well cards

2-25-55 two sympathy and four valentines sent this month
G. W. cards - Ruth Smith, Walter Mowry, Lloyd Arnold, Fred Hirst
Sympathy - Frank Worrall, Beatrice Mowry
Valentines - Addie G. Paine, Elizabeth Fisher, Agnes Smith, Crystal Bates. A "thank you" card from Addie Paine was read.

Louise Keats, chairman of Stewardship Committee reports that the Committee met & will report to Monthly Meeting in Feb., Apr., Sept. & Dec.

Eunice Estes reporting for Stewardship Committee informs us that plans were discussed at their Committee Meeting, specific aims will be given later. A special Easter Offering is suggested. We approve of special envelopes being secured and distributed, the offering to be used for Yearly Meeting Budget. Russell Brooks will confer with the chairman as to our action. The envelopes with a suitable letter will be circulated by Stewardship Committee.

In order to comply with the request of Jeannette Purdy, Chairman of Yearly Meeting Arrangement Committee, the report on the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting should be on hand at our next Monthly Meeting in order that a summary from all Monthly Meetings may be given to the Quarterly Meeting.

Emerson D. Mowry, a member of this Meeting having moved to Brockton, Mass. requested a transfer of membership to the South St. Methodist Church of Brockton. The removal certificate being requested prior to Monthly Meeting the action of the Clerk in sending it is approved at this time. The clerk is directed to write a note of regret to Emerson Mowry in the loss of his membership.

The Christian Education Committee, B. Brooks, chairman report that at a meeting held Feb. 21 the following projects were discussed and proposed: 1. Picture

2-25-'55 of Jesus with the children for Primary Dept. 2. A Literature rack. 3. Census of children in neighborhood. 4. Film strip 5. Educational courses for teachers. 6. Basket lending idea - books, pamphlets, etc. giving an idea of the materials used in our Bible School work.

Supt. of Bible School - Barbara Brooks
" " Primary Department - Eleanor Mowry
" " Cradle Roll - Margaret Wickes
" " Home Dept. - Louise Taber
This committee will report in Feb, May and September.

Lloyd Arnold, chairman of Peace and Social Concern Committee has on hand a Manual which takes up programs for a period of four weeks. He would like to see a class of ten or twelve interested enough to attend such meetings for discussion.

Bessie Ewen announces a Ham & Bean Supper, Mar. 5, under the auspices of Special Committee on Five Years Building Fund.

A proposed public meeting to be held here on Tuesday April 26 is approved. Speakers from the Fellowship of Reconciliation will be available.

$25 is appropriated for material to paint walls in downstairs rooms. The labor to be voluntary. If more money is needed application may be made to Monthly Meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

3-25-'55 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Third Month 25, 1955.

The Minutes of last meeting are read.

The Treasurer's Report shows a balance of $343.51 in General Fund with all bills paid to date. A report of funds received for Five Years Bldg. Fund was given showing that we had paid

The report of Peace and Social Concern Committee was given by Lloyd C. Arnold, chairman. In Jan. a covered dish supper was held followed by a talk on "Peace & what it means to our Meeting" by Russell Johnson, a member of A.F.S.C. A question period resulted in an interesting and informative meeting. In Feb. a film "The Toymaker" was shown to a group of people from other Protestant churches, as well as our own members. Besides being interesting it induced thought regarding race relations. A brief word of introduction was given by John Hellund. A question period followed. Copies of a special bulletin by the Com. on National Legislation has been mailed to our members to acquaint them with the Universal Military Training Bill, soon to be brought to Congress. The Committee has held several meetings during the quarter discussing legislation and other Quaker concerns.

Appreciation is expressed for this report and the work of the Committee.

The Chairman of Music Committee has not had a full meeting of committee but reports that they did meet long enough to be unanimous in requesting Lloyd Arnold & Barbara Brooks to furnish music the first Sunday of each month. The choir has sung at three Sun. morning services. They will report in June.

Robert E. Mowry, chairman of Missionary Committee wishes to be relieved as chairman. At present, he can not see his way clear to serve actively although he is willing to remain a member of the Committee. The choosing

3-25-'55 of a chairman is referred to the committee. Lloyd C. Arnold is willing to act as convener.

Louise Keats, chairman of Stewardship Committee is leaving for the south for an undetermined period. It is suggested that Eunice Strobel act as convener, getting the committee together to choose an acting chairman for the present.

A letter with a Bulletin describing program and courses at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa., is read. Scholarships are available for a year or a term. It is a worthy course.

A letter from the pastor of South Street Methodist Church at Brockton, Mass. informs us that Emerson D. Mowry was received into membership there Second Month 27, 1955. Therefore his name will be taken from our membership list.

As it was necessary to appoint a Program Committee for Quarterly Meeting previous to this meeting, Lauriston Smith, Muriel McFee with the pastor were appointed to make necessary arrangements.

The Queries are read, time given for their consideration and we appoint Barbara Brooks, Doris P. Mowry, Lauriston Smith, Adam Ewen, Marcia Smith as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting, 4th Month 17.

The following are appointed to take care of dinner arrangements for Quarterly Meeting - Eunice Strobel, Barbara Rhodes, Sybil Dowling, Theona Allen. They are at liberty to choose other helpers.

The Caretakers with a few volunteer workers have improved the walls & ceiling upstairs in

3-25-'55 hall + in rooms downstairs. A final report will be given at our next meeting. We appreciate the work that was done.

The Report on the Spiritual Condition of our Society is read, a resume of which will be given at our next Quarterly Meeting. This report will be read at a Morning Meeting for Worship in the near future.

The Chairman of Finance Committee reported that the Bulletin with a letter to each member had been sent out.

Barbara Brooks, chairman of Christian Education Committee thanks Lester Taber for literature rack in hall.

The Sunshine Committee reports a Get Well card sent to Madeline Cook, a Sympathy card to Edith Mowry, a Birthday card to Elizabeth Fisher (aged 95)

Russell Brooks brings to our attention the work being carried on at South Uxbridge Meeting House. Letters asking our support are at hand.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

4-29-55 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fourth Month 29, 1955.

The Minutes of last meeting are read.

The Report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $234.40. in treasury with all bills paid.

Russell Brooks, on behalf of the Committee on Arrangements + Program for Quarterly Meeting, reports that hereafter the program will be arranged by a committee appointed by Quarterly Meeting with a view to long range planning. The Meeting held here was visited by Winslow Osborne, clerk of N. E. Yearly Meeting, his wife

4-29-55 Ruth, Robert & Thyra Hindmarsh who outlined future conferences under the A.F.S.C.

The Committee appointed to take care of dinner arrangements report that seventy-two people were fed.

The Sunshine Committee reported Easter cards sent to Crystal Bates, Agnes Smith, Elizabeth Fisher & Addie Paine. Get Well cards to Crystal Bates, Agnes Smith and 3 Fishers.

A poster announcing the program of a conference to be held at Deerfield, Mass. Woolman Hill, May 6-8 is at hand. A registration card accompanies this.

Two publications authorized by Five Years Meeting of Friends will be placed on literature table.

A letter from Glenn Switzer, Pres. of Quaker men informs us that May 1st is Quaker Men Dollar Day. He asks that this announcement be given publicity. He names several projects the Quaker Men expect to undertake.

A letter from the A.F.S.C. urges us to write President Eisenhower asking him to do what he can to release farm surpluses for starving people, especially in China.

Folders announcing N.E. High School Institute of International Relations at Friendly Crossways, Harvard, Mass. June 28-July 5 - Aug. 19-26 are available. More copies may be obtained. A wonderful opportunity for study, worship, work and play.

A letter from George Bliss urging us to oppose Bill on Universal Military Training or National Reserve has been read. An announcement of this will be made in Meeting for Worship.

Russell Brooks, Field Secretary having attended sessions of Five Years Mtg. Committees describes the

4-29-55 new brick building which we have helped erect in Richmond, Indiana and feels that it is adequate to care for offices, bookstore and publication room. (kitchenette a lounge, a room for United Society of Friends Women, an attic, etc.) give ample room for meetings, conferences, etc. The building will be dedicated in October, debt free.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
8 members present. Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

5-27-'55 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fifth Month 27, 1955.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $371.98 in General Fund with all bills received paid.

The Sunshine Committee had no report.

The chairman of the Christian Education Committee reports that while her committee have not met, they have conversed and would appreciate having this Meeting appropriate money for a suitable picture for the Sunday School room, probably at a cost of five dollars. We approve of this and the committee is empowered to select the picture & send bill to treasurer.

The chairman of the East Blackstone Cemetery reports that the building project at E. B. has gone forward and on June 5th a meeting will be there. Russell Brooks has been invited to speak giving a little of the background of Quakerism. The cemetery has been taken care of by interested families with the incouragement of the Kelly family. We are urged to attend meetings which may be held there
As Chester Smith, a member of the E. B. Cemetery Committee is not now residing in this vicinity, it is suggested that another member be added to the Committee. This is referred to Nominating Committee hoping for quick action.

5-27-'55 A letter from Russell Johnson, Peace Education Secretary again encourages us to send at least one Friend from our Monthly Meeting to attend the Avon Institute. Announcements with details have been placed on literature table.

Since our last Monthly Meeting Richmond C. Mowry requested transfer of membership from this Meeting to Trinity Methodist Church in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Clerk sent the necessary information and would like the approval of this Meeting. This is given. A letter from the pastor, J. T. Talton informs us that Richmond was received into full membership there so his name will be remov from our membership roll, with regret

A letter from Martha M. Smith requests the use of our downstairs rooms in Meeting House on June 19th for the marriage reception of her daughter Maria, who will marry 2nd Lt. Thomas T. Rust of Cranston, R.I.

We are saddened by the death of William Richmond, who served faithfully as custodian of our Meeting House for several years. While not a member here, felt that this was his Church home. The clerk is directed to send a note of appreciation and sympathy from the Meeting to the family.

Louise Taber, chairman of Young Friends Activities reports that since February, Sunday evening meetings have been held every week except on Easter Sunday. At the opening of each meeting, a religious period is held followed by a discussion. Frankfort roasts, bowling parties, meetings with other groups of young people have been held. Between 11 & 12 is the average attendance.

As our Monthly Meeting occurs the week of Yearly Meeting, it will be advanced to the following Tuesday-

Russel Ross reported $625 for United Budget for the yea

5-27-'55 We approve of closing our regular Meetings for Worship during August allowing our pastor the month for vacation, salary continued. If the Union Service is to be held here, we would select the first Sunday in September. If it is to be held elsewhere on that date, our Meeting will convene the following week.

Barbara Brooks, supt. of Sunday School announces Children's Day program to be held June 12 in the regular Sunday School hour.

Russell Brooks as Field Secretary urges our Young Friends to attend Yearly Meeting. He is also helping to promote interest in the Camp at China Lake, Me. Two young people (Friends) will be in attendance at our morning meeting to enthuse our young people regarding Camp.

Russell Brooks speaks of the fine spirit of fellowship in this Meeting and of our position of leadership in the Community.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
10 present   Melita R. Fisher, clerk.

6-29-'55 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Sixth Month 29, 1955, held at this date because Yearly Meeting occurred at our regular meeting time.

The Minutes of last meeting are read.
The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $165.06 on hand with all bills to date, paid.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Adeline Randall, Agnes Smith, Eleanor Mowry, for May month). A thank-you was received from Edith Mowry for a sympathy card. In June a Sympathy card was sent Lloyd & Gertrude Arnold. On Shut-in Sun. cards were sent Elizabeth Fisher, Addie G. Paine, 6-29-'55 Agnes Smith, Crystal Bates

The Music Committee reports that the choir sang on Palm Sunday, Easter, Quarterly Meeting and on two other Sundays. We have had two violin solos with piano accompaniment

An announcement of High School Institutes to be held at Friendly Crossways, Harvard, Mass. has been read.

A letter from Bertha Hammann, Secretary of East Blackstone Quaker Meeting House Association has been read, in which she thanks this Meeting for seat cushions.

A letter of appreciation from Russell Brooks for our Contribution to Five Years Building Fund has been read.

As the number of young Friends and Juniors were more numerous than chaperones, Ruth Smith consented to serve as one. As expense is involved, we feel that five dollars ($5) should be given her for part of the expense. This is approved.

Ruth Smith thanked the Meeting for the privilege of attending Yearly Meeting sessions. She felt that the fellowship meetings in the morning set the pattern of the day, was glad to be acquainted with business activities from various reports, the Bible Half Hour was helpful urging us to develop responsibility and love toward others, the number of young people in attendance was encouraging, while the closing address by D. Elton Trueblood was challenging.

A letter from Harold Chance asks for prayerful support of Friends who have been in Russia on a good will mission. Our attention is called to a boo

6-29-55 "Speak Truth to Power" which is recommended for discussions.

A letter from Charles Lampman gives suggestions for raising money for the African Expansion Fund of $35000, authorized by Executive Council Board of Missions. This matter is referred to the Missionary Committee.

A summary of progress from the Five Years Advance with an accompanying letter from Harold V. Tollefson is at hand. As his work there ends at this time he thanks Monthly Meetings for courtesies, co-operation and Christian fellowship, urging us to advance spiritually and financially.

A letter from Chairman of Finance Committee of Yearly Meeting gives us the Budgit for 1955-56 as $17411. An estimate of $5.40 per member.

Russell Brooks will be in attendance at Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Seventh Month 10. At that time Leslie N. Barrett will serve as pastor here.

On the fourth Sunday of Seventh Month, Russell Brooks will exchange pulpits with Theodore Solomon, pastor of Friends Meeting in Worcester, Mass.

Announcement is made of a joint Workers' Conference to be held at Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Sept. 7-9.

Russell Brooks encourages our Young People to attend camp at So. China, Me. One of our members will attend + possibly more.

The Chairman of Christian Education Committee, Barbara Brooks reports that a picture "Children's Friend" by Sollman was purchased for Sunday School with five dollars ($5) given by Meeting and other contri-

6-29-'55 bations.

The matter of holding Meetings for Worship during August is referred to the Meeting of Ministry and Council.

The Queries are read and the following Representatives are appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting in South Uxbridge Seventh Month 17th - Louise P. Taber, Lauriston Smith, Ruth P. Smith, Lloyd C. Arnold, Richard McNamara Marion P. Ross.

Our business being accomplished we conclude
7 present Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

7-29-'55 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Seventh Month 29, 1955.

The Minutes of the last Meeting are read.

The Report of the Treasurer shows a balance (of) on hand of $131.28 with all current bills paid.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Francis Penny and Nellie Fisher.

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all but (2) two attended.

Since our last Monthly Meeting, Russell Brooks has accepted a position as Executive Director of Woolman Hill, Deerfield, Mass.

While Smithfield Monthly Meeting regrets that the Brooks' family will not be with us after September, we wish them success in their new field.

Our Meeting has prospered under their care, they have been valuable in all departments of the Society + we feel that it will be a hard task to replace them.

7-29-'55 At a Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held 7th Mo. 14th, Lloyd C. Arnold and Melita B. Fisher were appointed to confer with Milton Hadley who was expected to attend our Quarterly Meeting. Due to a death in the family he was unable to attend. A letter inviting him to consider an appointment here was sent immediately but no reply has been received.

Russell Brooks informs us that Milton Hadley in correspondence with him, mentioned receiving a letter from this Meeting and expected to reply soon.

A Committee from the Monthly Meeting to cooperate with the Committee from Ministry and Counsel consisting of Adam Ewen, H.A. Pendleton and Ruth Smith is appointed to secure a pastor, residential if possible.

Doris Mowry who was appointed from Meeting of Ministry and Counsel as a member of a committee as to holding Meetings during August wishes to be released from the Committee

We approve of securing a student from Boston University to conduct the Meeting for Worship on the first Sunday of August. If attendance warrants, we wish to continue these meetings. H.A. Pendleton resigns as chairman and Bessie Ewen is appointed in her place.

Russell Brooks regrets that so many of our members do not take more interest in the Business Meeting. He suggests that Minutes of Monthly Meeting might be read in morning Meeting, not only for information but to show members how many decisions are made by a few because attendance of the many is lacking. Mimeograph copies of Minutes was suggested which might be more effective.

No further business appearing we adjourn to meet at the call of the Clerk.

11 present. Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

8-26-55 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th Month 26, 1955 at Woonsocket, R.I.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

Since our last Monthly Meeting the holding of meetings during August was cancelled as circumstances did not warrant their continuance.

A letter from Lewis Hoskins, Executive Secretary of A.F.S.C. informs us of a $20000 deficit & asks that a special contribution be given to this emergency appeal. This matter is deferred to the September Meeting for further consideration.

A letter from Milton Hadley, Field Secretary with programmes announcing the Annual Workers' Conference has been read. The Conference is to be held at Poughkeepsie, N.Y. September 7-9 at a cost of $7. Registration must be in by September 1st.

A letter from C. Wayne Carter, Secretary of Board on Christian Education of Five Years' Meeting gives us the names of Conrad & Winifred Pyle of Walsenburg, Colo. who might be interested in a pastorate in the East. Our Committee recommends writing them giving a few items regarding the field here. The Committee also recommends that information might be obtained from James Stever a student at Hartford, as to time he might give our meeting, what compensation we give in case he considered our case.

Since our last Monthly Meeting a reply from Milton Hadley informs us that he is unable to accept the pastorate here.

No further business appearing we adjourn to meet at the call of the Clerk, if necessary.

Melita B. Fisher Clerk.

9-30-'55 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Ninth Month 30, 1955

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer for July and August shows a balance of $135.58 with all bills paid.

The special appeal from the A.F.S.C. which was deferred to this Meeting now has our attention. It is suggested that this appeal be presented at our Meeting for Worship. Any who wish to contribute should contact the Treasurer.

The Nom. Com. is to be reminded that a report is due in December.

A program announcing a Seminar at Allen's Neck, Mass. on Sunday, October 2 has been read; announcement of which will be given in the Morning Meeting. It will be posted on bulletin, also. A letter from Chester Smith gives us the dates and locations of Seminars that will be held in N.E. beginning Oct. 2.

A letter from R. Ernest Lamb asks for contributions of (50cts) fifty cents per member to finish paying the debt of the new Five Years' Meeting Headquarters Building so that the dedication may be debt free. If the sum listed on our Treasurer's report is for the above named project we approve of forwarding it to Finley Perry, Treas.

Sometime early in September a check for twenty dollars ($20) from East Blackstone stating that it was needed for care of cemetery. After consulting with the Chairman of E. B. Cemetery Committee, it was returned to Schofield Kelly. Since then more money has been received + because Russell Brooks, Chairman will not be here after this meeting he has given us his understanding of the procedure hereafter as approved by this Meeting in 1950. The clerk is to record the names of deceased and num

9-30-55 ber of graves secured. Money received is 1. to be kept in an open account, 2. pay meetings part for upkeep.

The Nominating Committee is to be reminded that a report is due in December.

As Church notes have been given to Mrs. R. Bryden, the reporter for North Smithfield, by Barbara or Russell Brooks, it will be necessary to appoint some one to do this until further notice. Bessie Ewen is appointed for this service.

The Queries are read and the following are appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting to be held here Tenth Month 16, 1955 - Russel Ross, Adam Ewen, Lloyd Arnold, Ruth Smith, Louise Faber, Muriel McGee.

The following are appointed a committee to arrange the Quarterly Meeting dinner - Laura Follett, Wylma Smith with power to choose others on committee

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Bessie Ewen, Joseph Estes, Mrs. Hirst, Frances Penny, Elizabeth Fisher. Flowers were sent Joseph Estes in Hospital, to Frances Penny, also asters (sent) taken to Frances by Leona Ewen.

R. Brooks leaves us literature regarding Bible Readings.

The Brooks' family express appreciation for gifts, friendships + cooperation while living among us.

While we are saddened to know that this is the last Monthly Meeting when Barbara and Russell Brooks will be present, we wish them happiness + success in their new work.

Our business being accomplished we conclude,

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

10-28-'55 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Tenth Month 28, 1955.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance in General Fund of $262.93 with all bills paid.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all but one attended.

Cards were reported sent to Anne Aldrich + Leona Ewen by the Sunshine Committee.

A member of the Meeting reported that the Quarterly Meeting dinner Committee served about eighty people with no expense to the Meeting. Other members of Committee were Ruth Smith, Marion Ross, Martha Smith. The Committee is discharged with thanks.

A letter from George F. Cates, chairman of China Camp Committee reports that outstanding bills need to be paid and asks our help in so doing. Since some of our young people have attended and enjoyed the fellowship there, we approve of sending ($10) ten dollars for this work.

The Meeting is unanimous in re-imbursing Lloyd Arnold for telephone calls in securing pastoral supply.

Paul Hunter, a young man supplying a Friends Church in Dayton, Ohio + attending Wilmington College is considering a change. It is suggested that the Clerk correspond with him informing him that we would be interested in hearing from him. We feel that the use of parsonage and $2000 would be our maximum salary.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

7 members present.

11-25-55 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket R.I., Eleventh Month 25, 1955.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The Report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $431.26 in General Fund with all bills to date paid.

A card addressed to American Bible Society was left with me by Russell Brooks. The readings from Thanksgiving to Christmas were ordered.

A letter from Louise Mowry Keats asking that her membership be transferred to a Presbyterian Church in Cheraw, S.C. was received by the Clerk. As it came soon after our last Monthly Meeting it seemed advisable to attend to it which was done. The Clerk receives the approval of the Meeting.

A letter from Rev. John R. McKinnon, Cheraw, S.C. informs us that Louise Mowry Keats was received into membership in the First Presbyterian Church there. With regret her name will be taken from our membership roll.

Louise also sent her resignation as Chairman of Stewardship Committee. This matter will be taken care of by Nominating Committee.

An invitation to a Meeting and tea at Providence Meeting House on Dec. 4 has been received. We are asked to respond if we expect to attend. The speaker, Elfreda Vipont Foulds is an unusually brilliant speaker.

A letter from Louis Marstaller, chairman of Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee encloses a copy of the new Missionary Committee report blank. This will be given to Missionary Committee. He also asks that a special gift be given to the African Expansion Fund. A statement by Douglas V. Steere encourages interest among African Friends.

In connection with this appeal is a letter from Milton Hadley telling of Thomas Lungaho's visits

1-25-55 and the favorable reception given him. We approve of sending ten dollars ($10) for the African Expansion Fund.

M. Hadley has record books put out by N. E. Yearly Meeting or Five Years Meeting which record members, their children, marriages, births, deaths, etc. The books are of different sizes. A five dollar ($5) book would probably provide for our membership. We approve of purchasing such a book.

As we anticipate a visit from a person interested in a pastorate on Sunday, Nov. 27, we have asked Lester and Louise Taber to entertain him and his wife. We feel that they should be remunerated for this service. The treasurer is instructed to send check.

If Charles & Iola Holbrook from Va. should decide to shepherd this flock, after a report from Finance Committee we feel that we can only offer thirty-five dollars ($35) per week. He is at liberty to do part time work in some other field. $15 will be paid him for service on Sunday.

A request from Globe Congregational Church asks our Meeting to pay for a workbook used in Released Time Religious Education has been received. We approve of paying this amount - one dollar and twenty-five cents ($1.25)

The Sunshine Committee reports a Birthday card sent Mabel Thayer, Get Well cards to Frank Worrall, Edith Mowry, Mae B. Todd, Agnes Smith, Lottie Brindle.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

12-30-'55 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Twelfth Month 30, 1955.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $665.38 in General Fund with all current bills paid.

A letter with a stamped envelope has been received from J. Rudolf Metz, Chairman of Yearly Meeting Finance Committee informing us that the necessary funds on the monthly basis of United Budget have not been received. As our local treasurer this week has sent a sizable check, it seems unnecessary to answer.

A letter from Harold Chance encloses a pamphlet giving the positions of C.O's. These pamphlets are two cents each (2cts.) and it is hoped they may be purchased for distribution. We approve of purchasing ten or fifteen of these pamphlets.

A letter from Gregory Harrison, Clerk of Young Friends Group announces a Young Friends Committee Meeting to be held at Woolman Hill, Deerfield, Mass. Dec. 29th and 30th. Two young Friends from each Quarter are asked to attend at a cost of four dollars ($4) each. When Representatives are appointed we are asked to appoint those who will be able to attend Yearly Meeting and winter committee meetings in Christmas Holidays.

A letter from Quaker Men regarding Social Security for pastors is at hand and will be placed on file.

An announcement of a Worship Conference at Woolman Hill, Deerfield, Mass. Jan 19-21 has been received. There will be discussions on phases of worship. Evening meetings will be addressed by J. Paul Williams, Professor of Religion at Mt. Holyoke College and by

12-30-55 Harold Chance, Secretary Friends Peace Service of A.F.S.C. The cost is seven dollars ($7) per person.

Susan L. Dow, a member of Henry H. Mosher Fund Committee of Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England sends a book list from which Smithfield Monthly Meeting may select two books free. We chose "India's Walking Saint" by Hallan Tennyson and "The Double Birthday Present" by Mabel L. Hunt.

A letter and brochure concerning a fund raising campaign for Lincoln School in Providence, R.I. has been received. As a Monthly Meeting we are asked to contribute to this fund. The matter is laid over to our next meeting.

An appeal from a hospital in Mexico City composed of a Committee sponsored by Quakers is made for clothing, bedding, surgical instruments, etc. Floods, and hurricanes have left many people without funds to help the hospital. As Good Neighbors we are asked to help. We approve of sending ten dollars ($10).

A letter received by the clerk from D. Elton Trueblood informs us that Charles and Iola Holbrook would appreciate help on their traveling expenses, incurred visiting us. Elton states that they are not people of money and that the trip was at a sacrifice to them. We approve of sending twenty dollars ($20) on transportation. We are agreed that hereafter we will have an understanding about transportation costs.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Beatrice Mowry, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hirst, Madeline Cook, Ruth Farron, Carol Allen - a Baby Congratulation card to Helen McCreadie Rosa, Good Cheer card to Elizabeth Fisher, Sympathy card to Abby

12-30-'55 Spencer and Family; Christmas cards and gift of handkerchief to four shut-ins - namely - Eliz. Fisher, Agnes Smith, Addie Paine, Frances Penny. Cost of hdkfs. $2.40

The Annual Report of Sunshine Committee for 1955 by H. A. Pendleton, chairman.

Get Well cards sent out	33	
Sympathy	7	
Easter	4	
Valentines	4	
Birthday	2	
Shut-in	4	
Baby congratulations	1	
Good cheer	1	
Christmas	4 =	60

Present of handkerchief to shut-ins at Christmas 4
1 Bouquet sent to Hospital $2.00
3 " " " very ill people

The report of the Nominating Committee is received and approved. It follows:

Clerk - Melita B. Fisher
Asst. Clerk - Bessie F. Ewen
Treasurer - Nellie M. Fisher
Correspondent - Mae B. Todd

Elders (term expires in 1958) Melita B. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Russel J. Ross, Lester R. Taber
Finance Committee - Russel J. Ross, Nellie M. Fisher, Muriel McFee, Lester R. Taber, Louise Taber, Eleanor Mowry, Walter Symes, Kenneth Smith.
Caretakers - Marion Ross, Lauriston Smith, Leslie Follett, Louise Corrigan, Sybil Dowling, Louise Taber.
Relief and Sunshine Committee - Henrietta Pendleton, Leona Ewen, Mae Todd, Edna Trask.
Missionary Committee - Lloyd C. Arnold, Robert E. Mowry, Martha Smith, Grace McNamara
Stewardship Committee - Eunice Strobel, Ruth Smith, Marjory Doyle, Barbara Rhodes.

12-30-'55 Christian Education Committee - Doris P. Mowry, Muriel Mc Gee, Lottie Brindle.

Young People's Activities Committee - Eleanor Mowry, Wilma Smith, Ruth Smith, Marion Ross, Martha Smith

Cemetery Committees -

Mapleville - Joseph C. Estes

Woonsocket - Adam L. Ewen, Battye Ewen, Doris P. Mowry, Carlton Aldrich

East Blackstone - Russel J. Ross, Lloyd C. Arnold.

Ushers - Lauriston Smith, Ernest Howard jr., Robert Taber, Donald Ross.

Music Committee - Martha Smith, Laura Follett, Carolyn Smith.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee - Lloyd C. Arnold, Lester K. Taber, Bessie F. Ewen.

Flower Committee - Ruth Smith, Wilma Smith Beatrice Mowry, Ann Aldrich, Laura Follett.

Delegate to Woonsocket Council of Church Women

Muriel Mc Gee

The recommendations adopted last year are (to) again recommended by the Nominating Committee

Committee - Eleanor Mowry, Ch. Eunice Strobel, Louise Taber, Russel J. Ross, Robert E. Mowry, Ernest Howard, Jr.

The Sunday School Supt. teachers and officers of S. S. and of Mo. Mtg. are commended for their untiring efforts during the year. We also wish to express appreciation to Russell + Barbara Brooks who carried on so efficiently with us until October. Lloyd Arnold is given special appreciation for carrying on as S. S. Supt. since the departure of Barbara Brooks.

We approve of an annual bulletin being issued

A verbal report from Caretakers tells of painting done up + down stairs, new lock on side door and plaster patched

12-30-'55 The following Nominating Committee was appointed for 1956. Bessie F. Ewen, Eunice Strobel, Lloyd C. Arnold Lauriston Smith.

No further business appearing we adjourn to meet at the call of the Clerk.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

1-27-'56 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. First Month 27, 1956.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The Report of the Treasurer for December shows a balance of $636.88 in General Fund with all bills paid to date.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer is received; audited and approved and is as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

Balance on hand in General Fund 12/31/54	$347.80
Receipts	
Collections	2539.70
Miscellaneous collections	40.00
Collections for United Budget	304.74
From Invested Funds	500.02
Collections for Bldg. Fund	139.00
Treasury Bonds - matured	200.00
interest	2.50
From Ladies' Aid for heating	50.00
Fees from East Blackstone Cemetery	$ 50.00
	3825.96
	4173.76
Expenses:	
Pastor's salary and supplies	$1485.00
Janitor's salary	180.00
To United Budget	644.74
Light and water	132.66
Oil for heating	249.89

Insurance	$176.35
To 5 Years Meeting Building Fund	139.00
To Investment Committee	202.50
Repairs	71.74
Miscellaneous	205.00
	$3486.88
Balance on hand in Gen. Fund 12/31/55	636.88
On hand for E. Blackstone Quaker Mtg. House Society	50.00
On hand in checking account	686.88

Respectfully submitted,
Nellie M. Fisher, treasurer

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Everett Aldrich, Frances Penny, Sympathy card to Emma Worrall.

The Meeting of Ministry & Counsel recommend that William Robbins, who is substitute pastor be paid $25 twenty-five dollars a week, hereafter. Unanimous approval is given.

The following named persons are appointed to prepare the Statistical Report which will be forwarded to Quarterly and Yearly Meetings - Louise Tober with the clerk.

The request for contributions to Lincoln School for expansion and repairs was presented at our last meeting but laid over for action at this time. We approve of donating twenty-five dollars ($25)

A letter from A.F.S.C. regarding the refugee problem has been received containing interesting information from various countries.

A letter from Margaret Welch, chairman of Peace and Social Concerns Committee announces a Workshop on Current Issues to be held at Cambridge, 1-27-56 Mass. Feb. 10 + 11th, enrollment fee ($1) one dollar.

The Report of the Investment Committee is received + will be recorded

Nancy Inman Fund - income for use of Mtg.		$100.00
Abbie M. Harris "		1000.00
James Pitts		2000.00
C. B. + R. B. Brown		400.00
Dency Wilbur		5000.00
Isabel Read		331.14
M. + A. Walling	#47136	1000.00
" " " Memorial Fund	"	500.00
H. Southwick		400.00
Nelson Taft		200.00
James S. Read	#106961	331.14
A. + A. Cranston	#28307	190.01
Gertrude Pinkham	#6240	100.00
Eliz. Aldrich	#13[illegible]	35.51
Andrew Comstock	#50614	500.00
Avis B. Steere		500.00
Woon. Cem. Fund		25.00
Mapleville Cemetery Ind. Trust Co.	#[illegible]	$ 100.00
		12,712.80
Woon. Inst. for Savings	#66439	4827.23
Woon. Washington Ins.		[illegible] —
Ind. Nat'l Bank		1173.25
1st Nat'l Bank of Boston		1369.50
2 $1000 U.S. Treas. Bonds		1900. —
1 1000 N.Y. Putnam R.R. C. Bd.		752.50
1 1000 Am. Tel + Tel. Bd.		903.75
Plantations Bank of R.I.		2150. —

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A New Year's Meditation sent out by chairman of A.F.S.(C.) Peace Committee has been read

We wish to express appreciation to Lester and Louise Taber for the entertainment of Charles

1-27-'56 and Iola Holbrook at no cost to the Meeting. A letter of thanks from the Holbrooks for traveling expenses sent them since our last meeting has been read.

We approve of paying William Robbins, janitor, five dollars ($5) for path shoveled during the last snow storm.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Approved

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

2-24-56 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Second Month 24, 1956

In the absence of the clerk, the assistant clerk served.

The Minutes of the last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $786.60 in General Fund.

The Sunshine Committee reports valentines sent to Elizabeth Fisher, Agnes Smith, Addie Paine, Frances Penny, Mabel Thayer, a Get Well card to Muriel McFee, a sympathy card to Mr. Penny.

A letter from Mildred Harrigan writing for Mexican Friends thanks us for our help in giving a Christmas fiesta and wool sweaters to 1800 sick, poverty stricken persons.

A letter has been received from Paul Livezey, Treas. of the Byron G. Thomas Memorial with an appeal for funds for a needy family. It is suggested that the letter be read at next Monthly Meeting in order to get the opinion of more members.

2-24-'56 A letter from Chairman of Y. M. Missionary Committee, Louis Marsteller asks for gifts to African Expansion Fund. As ten dollars ($10) was sent for that purpose in November, this matter is referred to Missionary Committee.

From Lincoln School has come a "thank you" from the Head Mistress, Marion Cole, also a letter from President of Board of Trustees of Lincoln School Development Office.

An inquiry as to renting parsonage has been rec'd from Roger Bois of Slatersville, R.I. We hope to have a pastor in the future so approval of renting is not granted.

Because of unavoidal circumstances the Statistical Report is not complete.

The chairman of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee solicits names of members who may be particularly interested in a Committee. We recommend that we lay this matter over to next meeting.

Lloyd Arnold reports for Missionary Committee a wish to have Young People start a missionary project. He requests that the April Monthly Meeting be in form of a supper meeting with a missionary program following. He requests that two names be added to the Missionary Committee, this is approved. It is suggested that Monthly Meeting be directly connected with missionary work by setting aside loose collection one Sunday a month. We approve of referring to the treasurer for average amount of loose collection and lay the matter over to the next meeting.

Lloyd Arnold reports for the Pastoral Committee that the committee is working hard to find a minister, and has contacted several possible candidates.

2-24-'56 Russel Ross as chairman of Finance Committee requests that the Nominating Committee seek an Assistant Treasurer which is approved.

We should consider the matter of Released Time Religious Education for the next school year. We suggest that this be discussed at a later meeting.

No further business, our meeting concludes.

5 present

Bessie T. Ewen, Asst Clerk

3-30-'56 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Third Month 30, 1956.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $761.79 in General Fund.

The Statistical Report is read and approved. One copy will be retained and one forwarded to Quarterly Meeting.

The Queries have been read and time given for their consideration. We appoint Eunice Strobel, Louise Taber, Lester R. Taber, Lauriston Smith, Ruth Smith, Bessie T. Ewen, Robert Mowry as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting which will be held in Worcester, Mass., Fourth Month 15th.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Everett Aldrich, Barbara Rhodes; Sympathy cards to the Fisher Family, Baby Congratulation card to Mr. + Mrs. Ernest Howard; Easter cards to Mabel Thayer, Addie G. Paine, Everett + Ann Aldrich, Agnes Smith.

The Report of the Spiritual Condition of the

3-30-'56 Meeting has been read, a copy of which will be sent to Quarterly Meeting for its approval.

A letter from Paul Levezey, Treasurer of the Byron L. Thomas Memorial asking for funds was tabled at last meeting again has our attention. We do not feel that we can help in this case.

The matter of Loose collection of morning meeting being set aside once a month for Missionary work is considered. This is referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration.

An opportunity is given to become a Yearly Meeting member of a Committee in which you are particularly interested as was mentioned at last Monthly Meeting.

It was approved at the February Monthly Meeting to add two new members to Missionary Committee. This will be taken care of at a later Meeting.

Because R. Brooks has moved from this Monthly Meeting it is necessary to appoint a member to serve on Quarterly Meeting Program Committee in his place. The name of Lester R. Taber is approved.

A letter from Friends World Committee stating their goals has been read. They solicit our support. We approve of sending ($5) five dollars for this work.

The clerk has received names of persons who were buried in East Blackstone cemetery recently, a record of which will be kept + all others hereafter.

A letter from R. I. Hospital Trust Co. has been received regarding checking account.

A letter from A. F. S. C. recommending the pamphlet "Speak Truth to Power" at (25) cents, twenty-five a

Statistics for *Smithfield* Monthly Meeting for 19*55*

PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All Monthly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.

	Particular Meetings			Totals
1. Number of Members last year,	133			
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,				
3. Additions by Birth,				
4. Additions by Request,				
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,				
6. Additions by Letter from another Denomination,				
7. Total Additions,				
8. Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,				
9. Loss by Death,				
10. Loss by Disownment,				
11. Loss by Resignation,				
12. Loss by Discontinuance,				
13. Loss by Certificate to Another Friends Meeting,	~~3~~			
14. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,	3			
15. Total Loss,	3			
16. Number of Members this year,	130			
17. Net Gain,				
18. Net Loss,	3			
19. Number of Males,	54			
20. Number of Females,	76			
21. Number under 21 years of age,	21			
22. Number of Associate Members,	23			
23. Number of Associate Members Transferred to Active Membership,	0			
24. Number of Resident Members,	96			
25. Number of Non-Resident Members,	34			
26. NUMBER OF ADULT RESIDENT MEMBERS,	40			
27. AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY WORSHIP (ESTIMATE),	35			

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3-30-56 copy or ten for $2.00. We approve of purchasing ten copies. The A. F. S. C. also wishes the names of young people between 15-19 who might be interested in Summer Institutes, Work Camps, etc.

A letter from Friends Committee on National Legislation has been received asking our support in the vital work outlined. We approve of giving an amount equal to last year.

The Clerk of Ministry and Counsel reports that the Committee on Pastoral supply has contacted many persons in an effort to secure a pastor. Prosper Van Machlerbrueck (Mill Brook) was acceptably present last Sunday but because he is unable to give us adequate time it is recommended that he be contacted expressing regret that we cannot ask him to serve us because we need a pastor who can give more time.

A letter from Wilmington College in Wilmington, Ohio sets forth the advantages of this college. A pamphlet "The Leaven in the Loaf" is enclosed. The letter will be placed on bulletin.

A letter from Russell Brooks requesting transfer of membership to Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting has been read. He asks that he and Barbara be transferred as active members, Joel and Miriam as Associate and that "Russell Brooks is a recorded minister" be added. With regret this will be done.

The Stewardship Committee, in a letter, reports letters sent out telling the need of money for the United Budget. Expense of four dollars and thirty cents ($4.30) is involved which will be paid by our treasurer.

We record with sorrow the passing of Frances Benny on Feb. [illegible] and Elizabeth Fisher March 14, both members of this

3-30-'56 Meeting.

A letter from Doris P. Mowry, chairman of Christian Education Committee asks to be released at this time as chairman. We regret to accept this resignation. The vacancy is referred to nominating Committee for action.

Gerald Smith, representing Young Peoples Group asks permission to renovate the parsonage. We approve of this being done under the supervision of Caretakers Committee. We are grateful for the interest of our Young People. This group has invited young people of city to Easter breakfast, following the Sunrise Service.

Lester Tober reports that three of our men members attended a Palm Sunday breakfast in

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
Melita R. Fisher, clerk

4-27-'56 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R. I. Fourth Month 27, 1956

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The Report of Treasurer shows a balance of $99.72 in General Fund.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all but two attended.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Doris P. Mowry, Ann Aldrich, Kenneth Jones Birthday card to Mae B. Todd - Sympathy card to the heirs of Mabel A. Thayer.

An acknowledgment from the Clerk of Mid Conneticut Valley Monthly Meeting informs us that Russell, Barbara Joel and Miriam Brooks have been received into

4-27-'56 membership with them, the latter two as associate. Their names will accordingly be taken from our records.

Evelyn Perron, an out-of town member of this Meeting requests transfer of her membership to the Milford Baptist Church in Mass. We regret losing members but the request is granted. The Clerk will notify her, preparing the necessary form letter.

A letter from George S. Fischer the new A.F.S.C. Associate Secretary has been read. A pamphlet is enclosed giving a brief description of the work. A financial response will be appreciated. We approve of sending twenty-five dollars ($25).

A Program and comments on Institutes held at Friendly Crossways is at hand. Scholarships are available.

A letter and poster regarding Avon Institute is available. We are asked to help finance a Representative who may be able to attend

A pamphlet by Harold Stassen gives 5 ways to work for peace. Harold Chance urges us to circulate these pamphlets which may be obtained for $2 per hundred. We approve of securing 100.

We record with sadness the death of Mabel A. Thayer on Tuesday, April 24, 1956. She had served this Meeting as an Elder, a member of Investment Committee President of Missionary Society, had been a member of Permanent Board of N. E. Yearly Meeting being active on various local committees until recently.

The Chairman of Nominating Committee reports the name of Barbara Rhodes for Missionary Committee Louise Taber, Chairman of Christian Education Committee; Lester Taber Asst. Treasurer. These names

Statistics for Smithfield Monthly Meeting for 1954

PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT

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	Particular Meetings			Totals
1. Number of Members last year,	[illegible]			
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,				
3. Additions by Birth,	1			
4. Additions by Request,	1			
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,				
6. Additions by Letter from another Denomination,	1			
7. Total Additions,	3			
8. Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,				
9. Loss by Death,				
10. Loss by Disownment,				
11. Loss by Resignation,				
12. Loss by Discontinuance,				
13. Loss by Certificate to Another Friends Meeting,				
14. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,				
15. Total Loss,				
16. Number of Members this year,	[illegible]			
17. Net Gain,	[illegible]			
18. Net Loss,				
19. Number of Males,				
20. Number of Females,				
21. Number under 21 years of age,	[illegible]			
22. Number of Associate Members,	[illegible]			
23. Number of Associate Members Transferred to Active Membership,				
24. Number of Resident Members,	[illegible]			
25. Number of Non-Resident Members,	[illegible]			
26. NUMBER OF ADULT RESIDENT MEMBERS,	[illegible]			

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4-27-'56 are approved by the Meeting.

The Nominating Committee suggests that some of the Committees be combined, this to be kept in mind for another year.

The Chairman of Finance Committee in referring to Insurance on our building, feels that the insurance on Meeting House is inadequate. Eleanor Mowry is appointed to have the Meeting House and parsonage appraised. If deemed necessary action will be taken at our next meeting.

Mrs. B. Todd thanked the Meeting for her birthday card.

16 visitors

Our business concluded, we adjourn.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

Preceding the Business Meeting a covered dish supper under the direction of the Missionary Committee was held, after which Mr. William Robbins showed pictures of [illegible] the Pacific Islands. There was a good attendance & an enjoyable evening. Mr. Robbins was given a vote of thanks.

5-25-'56 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fifth Month 25, 1956.

The Minutes of last meeting are read.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance of $653.15 in the General Fund.

A letter from Clayton Spinney, a member of the General Equalization Fund Committee of Yearly Meeting informs us that $10.65 is available for Juniors and Young Friends. Juniors are to be accompanied by a parent or counsellor. Names of applicants must be signed by clerk of Monthly Meeting and sent to Clayton Spinney by June 12th. After

5-25-56 that date applications will not be received. Each applicant must pay an additional $12.

A similar letter, regarding juniors, was received from Clarabelle Marsteller. We approve of sending $15 to the Equalization Fund and $10 to Ruth Smith to help finance hers and her family's expense.

A letter from Japan International Christian University Foundation asks us to help support their University which has no endowment, no alumni. I.C.U. Sunday is June 17th. Many friends, some of whom we know are connected with the school. The Foundation aim is to enrol 1000 churches to give $100 annually. The clerk will acknowledge this letter.

Eleanor Mowry reports that an appraisal of church parsonage and garage have been made & we approve of increasing the insurance on them by $10000. $3000 to expire 4/26/58 - $42.40 - $3000 to expire 4/26/59 - $63.60 - $4000 to expire 4/26/57 - $28.26 - total $134.26

The Woonsocket Ministers' Association is preparing the summer calendar for Union Services. We are asked to choose Aug. 19th or 26th. We approve of offering the Association both dates if they so desire.

Lloyd C. Arnold, a member of pastoral committee recommends paying George C. Jones $2600 if acceptable to him. Geo. C. Jones is expected from Central Village to meet the committee on Sunday to talk over the situation here.

Russell Ross, speaking for Marion Ross, chairman of caretakers, gives figures for papering, painting, etc. at parsonage. We withhold a decision on this until after we have talked with George C. Jones. The figure is reasonable, we approve & the man recommended to do work.

5-25-'56 We approve of applications of Juniors and Young Friends being signed by Chairman of Young Friends Group and the Clerk instead of being brought to the Monthly Meeting for approval.

Our business concluded, we adjourn.

12 members present
1 visitor

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

6-29-'56 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Sixth Month 29, 1956.

The Minutes of last meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $662.80 with all bills paid

A letter from Milton Hadley, Field Secretary sets forth the needs of Friends camp in China, Me. Campers are solicited. Folders are enclosed. At Yearly Meeting George Cates gave date of opening as July 8th for six weeks, rate $15 per week, ages 10 - 21 years. We approve of sending them [illegible] for their use.

A letter from Palo Alto informs us of a Group for the Duties of Conscience. Their aim is three fold, namely - They wish the co-operation of each Monthly Meeting urge each Meeting to organize a group. This letter is referred to Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

A letter from Pasadena, Cal. has been read asking our support in securing tax exemption without a "loyalty" oath. As the matter may have to be settled in court, we are asked to share the legal cost. It is suggested that attention from the pulpit be given to this matter

6-29-'56 A letter from Lynn, Mass. tells us of the tearing down of Friends Meeting House and the plan for a new one. Plates with a picture of old Meeting House are being sold to help raise money. Contributions are also welcome. It is suggested that this notice be placed on bulletin board.

The budget for Five Years Meeting because of the number of furloughs and cost of schools in Africa will need to be supplemented. The Advisory Committee is to send out letters to the members of each Monthly Meeting. Each meeting is asked to bear the expense of postage. We approve of meeting our share.

The Queries are read and we appoint Russell Ross, Marion Ross, Ruth Smith, Lewiston Smith, Bessie Owen, and Lloyd C. Arnold as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting at So. Uxbridge, Mass. July 15, 1956.

A letter from Richard Chartier has been received. He is interested in a part time pastorate, would like information regarding this Meeting. If Sixth Month 22, is open, he hopes to be with us, if desired.

Ruth Smith gave an interesting report of Yearly Meeting and thanked the Meeting for help in making it possible for her to attend.

Ruth Smith reported that six young people and two adults will visit Woolman Hill, Deerfield, Mass. over the next week end.

The Sunshine Committee reported Shut-in cards sent to Agnes Smith, Everett and Anne Aldrich, + Addie L. Paine. A Get Well card was sent Richard McNamara.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

7-27-'56 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Seventh Month 27, 1956.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting in So. Uxbridge report that all attended

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $569.34 on hand with all current bills paid.

The Financial statement of the Yearly Meeting has been read On a per capita basis our quota is increased 50 cts making it $5.90 as against $5.40 last year.

Announcement of New England Pacifist Family Institute Aug. 17-24 is at hand and will be placed on bulletin board.

A Newsletter from A.F.S.C. from which excerpts have been read gives (an) interesting information on Refugee and Migration Matters

The Sunshine Committee reports a Get Well card sent to Mae Todd, a birthday card to Agnes Smith, a sympathy card to Adam & Nolie Ewen and family

A request to rent the parsonage has been received but because we expect to use it soon, the request is not granted.

The regular Meeting for Worship will be discontinued during August except for (a) a Union Service on August 19th for which we are hosts.

Friends of New England have accepted an invitation to conduct a service at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, N.H. at 7 p.m. on Aug. 19. It is hoped that many will attend.

We approve of reimbursing Lloyd C. Arnold for expense incurred for visiting ministers.

7-27-'56 A letter from Paul Husted has been received, expressing interest in a part time pastorate with us.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

6 present Melita B. Fisher, clerk

8-5-'56 A special Business Meeting of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the Church on August 5, 1956 to recommend Rev. Paul Husted as part time pastor for the ensuing year at a salary of $2000, the use of parsonage & garage. Salary to start September 1st. All present approved.

The Caretakers in Fifth Month gave an estimate of cost of needed repairs in parsonage. No action was taken because the parsonage was unoccupied. Now we approve of having the work done at the figure presented ($350) The caretakers are requested to have more outlets & more voltage for electric stove and other electric appliances.

In July we approved of closing the regular Meeting for Worship during July, August except for Union Service which will be held here on August 19. We approve of inviting Paul Husted to have charge of Meeting, paying him substitute salary.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

(At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R. I. Ninth Month 28, 1956.

The Minutes of the last)

8-1-56 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I., Eighth Month 1, 1956.

In the absence of the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, Bessie F. E. Ewen had charge of the Meeting.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The Treasurer's Report shows a balance of $769.90 on hand with all current bills paid.

The Sunshine Committee reports a Get Well card and flowers sent to Ruth Smith, two sympathy cards, one to the McCulloch family and one to Agnes McCulloch.

Russel Ross reports that electric outlets have been installed in the parsonage. Mr. Conway has completed the painting and papering at a cost slightly above the first estimate. The work is very satisfactory.

Lloyd Arnold reports that there are two posters from Quaker Meeting House in Uxbridge - one for a musical program to be held September 9th at 3 p.m. and one for visits to old homes in Uxbridge on Sept. 15th.

Ruth Dow inquires if it would be agreeable to hold Quarterly Meeting in October at old Meeting House in Sturbridge Village. We recommend that the Arrangement Committee be notified, and find out if Worcester Meeting approves. We suggest that Paul Husted mention this at morning meeting and ask the opinion of the members.

Paul Husted is to teach Religious Education this year and we approve giving the use of the Meeting House for this.

Our business being accomplished, we conclude.

Bessie F. Ewen, Asst. Clerk

9-28-'56 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I., Ninth Month 28, 1956.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $661.30 with all bills paid to date.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Everett and Ann Aldrich, Robert Brindle and Doris P. Mowry.

Letters for transfer of membership have been received from Isabelle Butler and George William Pauley. As these letters were requested for a certain date, the Clerk with the approval of Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, sent the letters requested. This action is approved by the Monthly Meeting. While we regret the loss of members, we feel that non-resident members should affiliate with a church group and we commit them to the Christian care of another fellowship.

The following Committee is appointed to arrange Quarterly Meeting dinner - Barbara Rhodes, Eleanor Mowry with power to choose other helpers.

The Queries are read and we appoint Bessie F. Ewen, Robert Mowry, Richard McNamara, Eunice Strobel, Lauriston Smith, Russel Ross, Nellie M. Fisher as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting which will be held here Tenth Month 21, 1956.

A letter of appreciation for cards and flowers sent while in Hospital has been read from Ruth Smith.

A list of books has been sent from the H. H. Mosher Fund from which two may be chosen for circulation among our members.

9-28-'56 A letter of regret has been received from Rev. Mr. Harrell, pastor of Methodist Church, stating that a previous engagement hinders him from attending the reception for the Husted family on Sept. 30th. He extends sincere greetings.

A request for funds for the Central Committee for C.O's has been received. All C.O's are offered assistance. This letter will be placed in the hands of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee with the suggestion that announcement be made from the pulpit for individual gifts to add to the twenty dollars given by the Monthly Meeting.

Announcement of the Annual Fall Meeting of A. F. S. C. on Saturday October 6 from 2-5 at Cambridge, Mass. has been received.

Since our pastor is now resident we feel that he should be the reporter for church affairs. We appreciate the service given this last year by Bessie Ewen who has been our reporter.

We regret that the Presbyterian Church has been laid down. Our Meeting of Ministry and Counsel recommend that a cordial invitation to worship with us be extended to them. This recommendation is approved.

We are glad to welcome Rev. Paul Husted, his wife Laura with their family to our Meeting, Paul serving as pastor.

Paul Husted informs us that there will be a printed program of service on Sunday. He would like to be notified of illness among our members.

Our janitor at present is not well and the possibility of an assistant is considered. Lloyd C. Arnold will confer with him as to what arrangement can be made.

9-28-'56 No further business appearing we conclude.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

10-26-'56 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Tenth Month 26, 1956.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The Treasurer's Report shows a balance of $294.42 on hand with all current bills paid.

A letter of appreciation for money sent the Central Committee for C.O's has been read also one from Myron Jenness thanking us for money sent for China camp.

The books necessary for released time Religious Education were purchased by Paul Hasted. We are united in wishing to reimburse him for the cost of books for our own young people.

A letter has been read from a non profit, political, religious, educational organization with samples of Christmas cards which are free. A ~~letter~~ book by Jerome Davis may be obtained for $2.50, "Religion in Action", also free leaflets on "Leaders of America in Russia". We approve of sending for twelve or more cards and leaflets.

A message and Queries from the 1956 A. F. Conference on Race Relations in Wilmington, Ohio have been received. More copies are available if desired. The literature will be placed on hall table.

The Friends World Committee has sent samples of Round the World Quaker Letters for children. We are asked to participate in the

10-26-'56 project, to acquaint our young people with Quaker young people in other parts of the world also giving them in story and letter form something of our Christian heritage and Quaker History. We feel that this matter might be placed in the hands of Eleanor Mowry, leader of Young People's Group.

Even though our janitor has been unable to work this month, due to illness, we feel that he should be compensated for the month.

Because William Robbins will be unable to serve longer as janitor, the Caretakers recommend Richard McNamara as his successor. Because of transportation expense, we approve of paying ($20) twenty dollars a month instead of ($15) fifteen dollars we have been paying.

A letter from Russell Johnson, Peace Education Secretary calls our attention to three things in the future
a) A seminar in N. Y. City at U. N. Nov. 15-17, 1956
b) " " at Woolman Hill, Deerfield - Nov. 2-4 "
c) Announcement of colored slides & tape by Clarence Pickett rental fee ($3.00) three dollars. This letter is referred to our pastor.

A letter from Central Committee of of Five Years Meeting asks that one Sunday, possibly Thanksgiving Sunday be used for a special offering for United Services. The Chairman of Finance Committee will have charge of the matter.

The Caretakers are advised to get prices on repairing wall in dining room and ceiling in kitchen of the Meeting House and report at our next meeting.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk

On September 30th, a reception for our pastor, Paul Husted, his wife Laura and children Dorothy, Paul, Pauline and Carl was held with about one hundred people attending. Guests from Worcester, Providence, Saylesville as well as local members of the various denominations were present. Music was furnished by Lloyd + Mrs. Eleanor Arnold. Buffet lunch was served from an attractive table.

11-30-'56 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Eleventh Month 30th, 1956.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The Treasurer's Report shows a balance of $209.21 with all bills paid to date.

The Sunshine Committee's Report for Oct. and Nov. lists Get Well cards sent William Robbins(2) Leona Ewen, Sympathy cards sent to Grace Jones, Marion and Russel Ross.

A letter from Russell Bentley, Clerk of Commission appointed to dissolve the Presbyterian Church in Woonsocket, acknowledges the invitation to unite with us in our Worship service

A letter from George F. Cates, Friends China Camp Committee Chairman asks for a contribution at this time rather than in the spring so that they can make plans for coming season. We approve of sending ten dollars ($10) for this work.

The free Christmas cards from the educational organization are at hand. The pamphlets "Leaders of America in Russia" will be forwarded later.

12-30-'56 A letter of information regarding several matters with Christmas Greetings from Milton Hadley has been read.

The Meeting expresses appreciation to the Ladies Aid for the refrigerator purchased for kitchen.

We recommend to the Nominating Committee that a Committee for Juniors and a Committee for Young Friends Group be appointed. The matter of recreation in Young Friends Group is left to the discretion of the Committee.

We approve of serving refreshments at close of December Monthly Meeting.

No further business appearing, we adjourn.
11 members present. Melita B. Fisher, clerk

12-28-'56 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Twelfth Month 28, 1956.

The Minutes of last meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $291.25 on hand in General Fund.

An invitation has been received from the Clerk of Providence Meeting to attend R.I. Quarterly Meeting on January 19th, 1957. The Clerk will acknowledge the invitation hoping that some of our members may be able to attend. Mtg. for Worship is at 2 p.m.

A letter of thanks (for $10 sent) from Myron Inness, Treas. of China Committee for ($10) ten dollars sent from this Meeting has been read.

A letter from Walter H. Wood, Chairman of Yearly Meeting Finance Committee informs us of the increased

12-28-56 Yearly Meeting Budget and asks for added support.

Lloyd C. Arnold, ch. of Missionary Committee reported that throughout the year slides of the So. Pacific were shown by William Robbins, supply pastor, depicting conditions in those islands, also showing what the missionaries were doing to better conditions; the Sunday School collected Buffalo nickels for work among Indians through A. F. S. C.; socks + mittens were given for A. F. S. C. work; a special offering was taken for CARE at the S. S. Christmas program. Monthly Meeting set aside a certain amount of money for Missionary use at the request of Missionary Committee which was fifty dollars ($50) this year which as yet has not been used.

A letter from Friends World Committee regarding 1957 Conference at Wilmington, Ohio is read. Leaflets and pamphlets are available for one dollar ($1) for those wishing to study the subjects which will be uppermost at the Conference.

A Thank You for $32.45 sent for work in Africa is read from William L. Hale, Treas. of Five Years Meeting.

Announcement of two seminars Jan. 17-19 and Feb. 14-16 at U. N. and Quaker House are at hand. Early registration is urged as only twenty-five persons can participate.

The Sunshine Committee reports 5 Get Well cards sent in Dec. also Christmas cards + Shut In Gifts sent to six people - namely Everett + Ann Aldrich, Agnes Smith, Estella Fitts, Addie Paine, Leona + Adam Ewen, Lila Smith

The Annual Report of the Sunshine Committee for 1956 is as follows:

Get Well cards
Ruth Smith Grace McNamara
Guy Matheson Adam Ewen
Leona Ewen

12-28-'56 Get Well cards sent 25, Sympathy 8, Good Cheer 1 Valentines 5, Baby congratulations 1, Easter 4, Birthday 2, Shut-Ins 3, Christmas 6 - Total 55
Bouquet of flowers 1, Shut-In Gifts at Christmas 5.

Russel Ross, Chairman of Finance Committee presented a budget of $4450 for 1957 which was approved. Paul Husted has kindly volunteered to mimeograph bulletins for the year.

The Chairman of Caretakers reported the renovation of parsonage in summer & minor repairs in Church building & new equipment for the janitor.

The Report of the Nominating Committee is received and approved with a few changes which are referred to the Nominating Committee for adjustment. When complete it will be recorded.

The following persons were appointed as a Nominating Committee for 1957 - Louise Taber, Nellie Fisher, Russel Ross, Lester Taber.

The officers and committees received thanks for work of the past year.

On Feb. 26-28, returned missionaries will visit this part of N.E. As our group here is small & not interested in evening meetings we would appreciate uniting with Providence Meeting in a meeting that will be announced later.

Blanks to be filled for a Record Book in the hands of the Clerk were distributed to members present.

Paul Husted, our pastor who has been with us only a few months expresses regret that he has

12-28-56 been unable to give us as much time as he had hoped. He teaches Religious Education on Wednesday mornings, attends Young People's Meetings, visits the sick and hospital patients, doing what he can in spare time, hoping that the future may permit more calling to get better acquainted with the members.

Russell Rose spoke of the desirability of an electric organ for our Meeting House. It is suggested that announcement of our aim be mentioned in a Meeting for Worship with the hope that gifts might be given to augment the amount now available in our treasury.

Gerald Smith from the Young Friends group presented a concern of the group signed by Rhoda Mowry, Secretary and others. Certain things are desired to have a working group.

1. They desire the right to select, for a specific duration each advisor and its alternate, presenting these names to Mo. Meeting for approval.
2. The decisions of the group will be subjected to the advisors for their approval and their judgment will be respected.
3. They desire full authority over any and all money, acquired.
4. They wish to be able to hold games, parties + dancing in basement of church.
5. No attempt will be made to hold money making enterprises in the church without the approval of Monthly Meeting.
6. They wish to be able to join with other church groups in social and religious activities.

They feel that too many advisors present at youth fellowship has a dampening effect on group enthusiasm, the reason for asking approval of the right to limit number + to select those whom they feel can best guide them.

12-28-'56 The Nominating Committee had named a Young Friends Committee, also an Advisor. The Advisor withdrew therefore giving the Young Friends Group the privilege of choosing their own. At a previous Monthly Meeting the matter of recreation for Young Friends was left to the discretion of the Committee. We feel that this concern was well presented and that the group will be able to function harmoniously.

The Officers and Committees for 1957 follow:
Clerk - Melita B. Fisher
Ass't Clerk - Bessie F. Ewen
Treasurer - Nellie M. Fisher
Asst. " Lester R. Taber
Correspondent Mae B. Todd
Elders Term expires 1957 Ruth Smith, Mae B. Todd, H. A. Pendleton, Nellie Fisher.
Term expires 1958 Melita B. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Russel Ross, Lester Taber
Term expires 1959 Joseph C. Estes, Adam L. Ewen, Bessie F. Ewen, Grace Mc Namara
Finance Committee - Russel Ross, Nellie M. Fisher, Lester R. Taber, Eleanor Mowry, Walter Symes, Kenneth Smith
Caretakers - Marion Ross, Lauriston Smith, Louise Corrigan, Louise Taber, Robert Mowry.
Relief & Sunshine - Henrietta A. Pendleton, Mae B. Todd, Leona Ewen, Louise Taber
Missionary - Stewardship - Christian Education
Lloyd C. Arnold, Eunice Strobel, Muriel McGee, Robert Mowry, Barbara Rhodes
Young People's Activities - Marion Ross, Ruth Smith, Louise Taber.
Junior Activities - Co-chairmen {Wilma Smith, Laura Husted}
Martha Smith, Beatrice Mowry.
Advisors to Young People - Lester & Louise Taber
Cemeteries Mapleville - Joseph C. Estes
Woonsocket - Adam L. Ewen, Doris Mowry, Battye Ewen, Carlton Aldrich.

12-28-'56 East Blackstone - Russel Ross, Leslie Follett.
Ushers - Lauriston Smith, Ernest Howard, jr., Robert Taber, Donald Ross.
Music - Martha Smith, Melita B. Fisher, Laura Follett, Carolyn Smith.
Flower Committee - Nellie M. Fisher, Wilma Smith, (Carolyn Smith) Barbara Rhodes, Ann Aldrich, Laura Follett
Delegate to Woonsocket Council of Church Women
Muriel Mc Fee

The Nominating Committee recommends that material relating to peace and social concerns be turned over to the Clerk of Ministry and Council. Signed by - Bessie F. Ewen, Chairman
Lloyd C. Arnold, Lauriston Smith, Eunice Strobel
1956 Nominating Committee

Meeting adjourned followed by a social hour with light refreshments.

11 present Melita B. Fisher, clerk

1-25-'57 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. January 25, 1957. This Meeting is the one usually held Jan. 25 or last Friday of month.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The Treasurer's Report for December shows $278.42 in General Fund.

The Annual Report of Treasurer is received, audited and approved. It is recorded as follows:

Treasurer's Report

Jan. 1, 1956 Dec. 31, 1956

Balance on hand in General Fund 12/31/56	$636.88
On hand for E.B. Quaker Mtg. House Society	$50.00
	$686.88

			Forwarded
1-25-'57	Receipts		$686.88
	Collections	$2,286.72	
	Miscellaneous collections	237.56	
	Collections for United Budget	355.48	
	From Invested Funds	510.61	
	From Ladies' Aid ($100 toward parsonage repair)	160.00	3550.37
			$4237.25
	Expenses:		
	Pastor's salary and supplies	1,232.28	
	Janitor's salary	195.00	
	To United Budget Fund	595.48	
	Light and water	68.97	
	Oil for heating	292.35	
	Insurance	305.63	
	Special contributions	179.45	
	Renovating parsonage	634.04	
	Repairs to meetinghouse	40.50	
	Miscellaneous expense	315.13	
	Returned to E. B. Quaker Meetinghouse Society	50.00	$3908.83
	Balance on hand in General Fund 12/31/56		278.42
	" " " for work of Miss. Committee		50.00
			$328.42

Respectfully submitted,
Signed by, Nellie M. Fisher, Treasurer

The Sunshine Committee reports a card sent to Battye and Bessie Ewen for their wedding anniversary, a Get Well card to Lester Taber, a Sympathy card to Louise Corrigan.

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk are appointed to prepare the Statistical Report for Quarterly and Yearly Meetings.

Our treasurer has received the bequest of $500 from the Mabel A. Thayer estate which has

1-25-'57 been acknowledged. The amount has been invested with the Irving Trust Co., New York.

A letter from the Peace and Social Concern Committee of the Yearly Meeting regarding a contest in ideas on disarmament among Young Friends has been read. We approve of encouraging our group of Young Friends to enter this contest, in accordance with suggestions of Yearly Meeting Committee.

A letter from Friends Council on Education stating their activities and enclosing a copy of the Courier has been received, excerpts read. Financial aid is welcomed to carry on the work but at present we do not feel that we can help.

A letter from the President of the General Hospital in Mexico sponsored by Mexican F.S.C. thanks us for our contribution last year, stating for what it was used. Any aid we could give would be appreciated. A leaflet with pictures shows some of the groups. We approve of sending ten dollars ($10) for this work.

A letter from Friendsville Academy extends greetings, hoping that we will not forget the financial needs of school. This appeal is given to the Missionary Committee for their consideration.

Mary Dickey, a member of this Meeting for many years, now living in Lincoln, R.I. asks that her membership be taken from our records as she will no longer be able to attend here. However, it was the unanimous wish of the Meeting that her membership be retained because of many friendly services during the years, as a member here.

At the last meeting of Ministry and Council letters from Walter, Theona and Gloria Allen were received tendering their resignations. It

1-27-'57 seemed advisable to appoint a committee to confer with them. Henrietta Pendleton and our pastor, Paul Husted were appointed. This committee reports that the Allen family did not wish to discuss the matter because they had given the matter due consideration; therefore the recommendation to accept the resignations was necessary but given with regret.

The Meeting of Ministry and Council having considered the requests of Rev. Paul, Laura and Dorothy Husted to become active members of the Society of Friends with their minor children Paula, Paul & Carl as associate members, the letter transferring the membership of Kenneth Strobel from Zion Primitive Methodist Church, Pascoag, R.I., recommend that these friends be accepted into membership as requested. We approve of the recommendation and are united in extending to them the right hand of fellowship. A public recognition will be given at a later date. The Clerk is to notify these friends of the action of this meeting.

Because our regular Quarterly Meeting occurs on Easter Sunday, it is suggested by Meeting of Ministry and Council that recommendation be made to the Arrangement Committee to hold Quarterly Meeting on April 28th, with this we concur.

Further explanation of funds available, apart from those listed, was given by Chairman of Finance Committee

Sometime ago a ($500) five hundred dollar bequest from Merrick & Arabella Walling was given this Meeting for a Memorial. It has been suggested that an electric organ would be suitable. To consider and explore prices etc. Lloyd Arnold, Louise Taber with the Music Committee of the Meeting are appointed

1-27-'57 Bessie Ewen thanks the Meeting for anniversary card received.

A suggestion for the formation of a Men's Group has been made. As we anticipate having Milton Hadley with us in the near future, we feel that this might be one of the subjects for discussion

Our next Monthly Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 24th instead of Feb. 22nd. This is done to conserve oil. At this time at close of business, Paul Hasted will show a film on work of A.F.S.C. followed by a light lunch.

No further business we conclude.

12 present

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

Another concern considered at Ministry + Council Meeting was to check our membership list, write letters to members who seem disinterested. This suggestion was adopted and a list of forty members was presented. Names were taken by those present who hope to get replies to their letters.

At close of business, coffee + cake were enjoyed in the downstairs room.

The Report of the Investment Committee is as follows:

Nancy Inman Fund - income for use of Mtg.	$100.00	
Abbie M. Harris " " " " " "	1000.00	
James Pitts Memorial Trust Fund " " "	2000.00	(61.19)
C. B. & R. B. Brown " " " " " "	400.00	See below
Dency A. Wilbur " " " " "	5000.00	
Isabel Read " " " " "	331.14	
M. & A. Walling Income may be used #47136	1000.00	
M. & A. " Memorial Fund "	500.00	
H. Southwick Income to be used on bldgs, cemetery & fences	400.00	
Nelson Taft Income for repairs on Mtg. House	200.00	
James S. Read " to be used for Bible Sch. #106961	331.14	$9.45
A. & A. Cranston #28307	190.01	84.59
Gertrude Pinkham Income for use of Flower Com. #6290	100.00	21.25
Elizabeth S. Aldrich Income & prin. may be used for needy women #13085	35.51	44.67
Andrew Comstock Income for care of Cemetery & mtg. house at E. Blackstone #50614	500.00	416.09
Avis B. Steere Est. 8/31/45 To be held in trust 25yrs.	500.00	
Woonsocket Cemetery Fund	25.00	
Mapleville Cemetery " Ind. Trust #2772 For care of Mapleville Cemetery	$100.00	179.29
	12712.80	$765.34
Int.	$765.34	
Total held in trust	$13478.14	

Woonsocket Inst. for Savings #66439	$4827.23	$144.82
Providence Washington Ins. (32 shs.)	584.00	32.00
Ind. Nat'l Bank (42 shs.)	1312.50	49.40
1st Nat'l Bank of Boston (22 ")	1463.00	62.70
2 $1000 U.S. Savings Bonds 2½% of 1967-72	1760.00	50.00
1 $1000 N.Y. Putnam R.R. C. Bd. 4% of 1993	730.00	40.00
1 $1000 Am. Tel. & Tel. Bd. 2¾% of 4/1/82	791.25	27.50
Plantations Bank of R.I. Ctf. of deposit	2150.00	43.00
		449.42
		61.19
		$510.61

Dec. 31, 1956 Amount available for use $5785.97

Signed by Lloyd C. Arnold
Nellie M. Fisher
Russel J. Ross
Committee
1/21/57

2-24-57 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Second Month 24, 1957

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The Treasurer's report for January shows a balance of $303.49 in General Fund with all current bills paid.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Meredith Beaubien, Deborah Rhodes, Perlina Fisher, Agnes Smith. Valentines to Melvin & Eunice Meader, Everett and Ann Aldrich, Adam & Leona Ewen, Lila Smith, Estella Titts, Addie Paine and Agnes Smith.

The Committee appointed to prepare the Statistical Report presents the following: a copy will be forwarded to Quarterly Meeting and one retained here.

The matter of receiving the new members on Easter Sun. is left to the Meeting of Ministry and Council.

In answer to letters sent out to infrequent attenders, a number of replies were received, namely Florence Rich, Melba Tennant, Ruth J. Battle.

As Quarterly Meeting falls on Easter Sun. it is necessary to change the date. Worcester Friends favored Apr. 14, Palm Sunday. Our members suggested a morning service for Worship here at an earlier hour than usual, proceeding to Worcester for afternoon sessions of the Quarterly Meeting if it is to be held on Palm Sunday. This information was to be given to the pastor of Worcester Meeting at close of this session.

Lloyd C. Arnold gave the report on cost of electric organ as reported to him by Martha Smith. It is suggested that the committee under appointment try to

Statistics for Smithfield Monthly Meeting for 1956

PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All Monthly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.

	Particular Meetings			Totals
1. Number of Members last year,	130			
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,	0			
3. Additions by Birth,	0			
4. Additions by Request,	0			
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,	0			
6. Additions by Letter from another Denomination,	0			
7. Total Additions,	0			
8. Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,	0			
9. Loss by Death,	3			
10. Loss by Disownment,	0			
11. Loss by Resignation,	0			
12. Loss by Discontinuance,	1			
13. Loss by Certificate to Another Friends Meeting,	4			
14. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,	3			
15. Total Loss,	11			
16. Number of Members this year,	119			
17. Net Gain,	0			
18. Net Loss,	11			
19. Number of Males,	51			
20. Number of Females,	68			
21. Number under 21 years of age,	20			
22. Number of Associate Members,	23			
23. Number of Associate Members Transferred to Active Membership,	0			
24. Number of Resident Members,	88			
25. Number of Non-Resident Members,	31			
26. NUMBER OF ADULT RESIDENT MEMBERS,	62			

PROVE ALL FIGURES AND TOTALS AS SUGGESTED BELOW.

AT SUNDAY WORSHIP About, 33

2-24-'57 secure a competent organist. If they are successful & are able to find an organ, satisfactory in tone and price, they are authorized to make a down payment.

Omission

The Caretakers report needed repairs to the outside wall of the Meeting House, and to ceiling and inside walls. They are authorized to have necessary work done, expense to be borne by the treasury.

Our next Monthly Meeting will be held at the regular time, the last Friday of Third Month.

No further business at hand, we adjourn.

Following the business meeting, a sound film depicting some of the work of A.F.S.C. was shown by Paul Hasted. We realized how acute the suffering of these people was, how little we do to help, and how grateful we should be to live in America, but not unmindful of their aspirations and needs.

Light refreshments and a social hour was enjoyed in the basement supper room.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

A letter from Harold Chance with calendar of Yearly Meetings and a pamphlet entitled "Visitation among Friends" is received. He feels that visitation promotes friendship and understanding. Copies of pamphlet are available for five cents.

3/29/57 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held Third Month 29, 1957.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of Treasurer shows a balance of $412.96 with all current bills paid.

3-29-'57 The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well Cards sent to Lester Taber, Beverly Taber, Grace McNamara, Guy Matheson.

An announcement of a Conference on Friends Education at Woolman Hill, Deerfield, Mass. April 12-14 is read

A letter of thanks from the Society of Brothers for donations to help rebuild their dining hall destroyed by fire has been read

The bulk head at parsonage needed repairing, the registers in Meeting House had to be removed & the space filled in before carpeting donated by Ladies Aid could be laid. This involved expense of forty dollars ($40 as reported by caretakers. The Meeting approved of this bill being paid from the Treasury.

The Committee appointed to investigate the price of an electric organ, the advisibility of purchasing one, report that the organ that was acceptable to them is a Wurlitzer at a cost of $1200 cash. We have been unsuccessful in securing an organist, as yet. The Committee is continued for further investigation of funds. The matter of using some of the money from Mapleville Cemetery Fund is to be investigated. The Meeting is unanimous in empowering the Committee to procure the organ, the finances to be advanced from invested funds with the understanding that this deficit will be made up at a future date.

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Announcement was made of a covered dish supper by Junior Young Friends April 5th when Bill & Fran Taber will show pictures of China camp.

The name of Donald Ross is recommended by the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel as a member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting which is unanimously accepted by this Meeting.

3-29-'57 (The names of) Ruth Jones Battle, William Varney, Shirley Nelson De Jong, Francis Robbins, Grace Allen Dzialo having joined other denominations, the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel recommend that their names be taken from our membership

The clerks, the pastor, Russel Ross, Eunice Meader & Lester Taber are appointed to welcome our new members on Easter Sunday.

The report of the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting has been read, a copy of which will be sent to the Quarterly Meeting for its approval.

The matter of the activities among Young Friends has had our serious consideration.

The Worcester Meeting who is host for Quarterly Meeting will hold the Meeting April 7th. Morning Meeting for Worship will be omitted here to allow attendance in Worcester.

Paul Husted, announced a Meeting to be held in Westerly, R.I. Apr. 20th.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

9 present

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

☆ The Queries are read and we appoint Paul Husted Henrietta A. Pendleton, Ruth Smith, Marion Ross, Russel Ross, Lauriston Smith, Walter Symes, Joseph Estes as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting in Worcester April 7th.

4-10-57 At a special meeting of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, the recommendation of the Ministry and Counsel Meeting on receiving Ruth Smith into our Society was accepted. We welcome Ruth into membership with us from Greenville Baptist Church.

Since the purchase of new organ, it seemed advisable to increase the insurance on furnishings of Church, which was approved. An increase of $200 was made.

4-26-57 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fourth Month 26, 1957.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The Treasurer's report shows $295.05 in General Fund. Russel Ross reports that the Merrick & Arabella Walling Fund amounts to approximately $650, leaving $550 to be taken from invested funds. Upon investigation it is inadvisable to use funds from the Mapleville Cemetery account.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that four of our eight Representatives attended.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Laura Follett, Ruth Smith, Chester Searle, Paul Husted, Jr. birthday card to Mae B. Todd, Easter cards to Ann & Everett Aldrich, Agnes Smith, Lila Smith, Estella A. Fitts, Addie G. Paine, Eunice and Melvin Meader.

A letter from Friends World Committee has been read listing the activities of this committee, reminding us that last year we contributed $6 and hoping that our support will continue. We approve of giving $5 toward this work.

4-26-'57 An announcement of dates of High School Institutes at Friendly Crossways, Harvard, Mass. has been read as June 26 - July 2, Aug. 23-29. A statement of purpose accompanies the announcement.

Mr. Baker, and elderly man who lives with his daughter has asked permission to cut some of the brush & undergrowth in the old cemetery. He will not be able to carry it away. If the Meeting feels easy about remunerating him, he will probably appreciate it, although he did not ask for pay. We suggest that the matter be turned over to the cemetery committee for their study and recommendation.

An invitation from Lincoln School, Providence to the laying of cornerstone for New Lower Building, has been received. A reply is requested. We suggest that announcement be read in Sunday Morning Meeting so that anyone interested may notify the Clerk.

We recommend that the Clerk send a note of thanks to the Ladies Aid for the new collection plates and for carpeting.

It is unanimously decided that a ham and bean supper be held May 11th to raise funds toward the expense of organ. Bessie F. Ewen is appointed chairman of supper committee.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Bessie F. Ewen Asst. Clerk

5-24-57 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held Fifth Month 24 (instead of Fifth Month 31, a holiday for many) 1957, at Woonsocket, R.I.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance in General Fund of $266.35

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Fred Hirst, Adam Ewen, Sr., Melvin Meader, Eunice Strobel, Mae Corbeille.

A letter from American Friends Board of Missions with a booklet of the life of an East African Friend is at hand: more copies of booklet may be obtained at ten cents a copy.

A letter from Syracuse Friends Meeting regarding opposition to H-bomb tests, asks for suggestions for cooperative effort. In connection with this matter we have a petition to Pres. Eisenhower prepared by the A.F.S.C. opposing the bombs.

A letter from Grace P. Atkins, a member of Central Advisory Committee informs us of the possibility of purchasing a 16 m/m. sound projector for use of Yearly Meeting. As there is a deficit of $130 to be met, any help we can give will be appreciated. The matter will be taken up at our next Quarterly Meeting at which time we hope we may be able to help defray this expense. The clerk will so inform the Committee.

A card offering free material for observance of International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan has been read. The observance falls on June 16, 27. Contributions are solicited.

A letter from Pacific Ackworth Friends School is tabled

5-24-'57 A letter from Central Committee for C. O's is at hand which will be placed in hands of Meeting of Ministry and Counsel for further consideration and recommendation.

A letter from A. F. S. C. at Cambridge, Mass. suggests that clothing be sent to State Hospital, Little Wanderers, Piney Woods, Tenn. as storehouses at Cambridge and Philadelphia are overflowing.

A letter from Milton Hadley asks us to support the Equalization Fund in order that Young Friends may be able to attend Yearly Meeting. We approve of sending ten dollars and allowing ten dollars to be used for part payment for one of our members (Ruth Smith) who will act as counsellor.

A letter from Central Office gives us the cost of the entire session of Yearly Meeting as $25.25. Young Friends and Juniors who make application for assistance are allowed $13.25. Applicants must apply to Clerk of Monthly Meeting giving age, grade next fall & name of parent or counsellor in attendance. This information must be forwarded to Clayton W. Spinney by June 15th.

As Paul Husted is requested to attend a Meeting of Co Op's as co-ordinator on June 16, he would appreciate holding our Meeting for Worship at 9:30 a. m. that day instead of the usual time. We approve of granting the request. The hour of Sunday School session left to the Supt.

As Yearly Meeting is in session June 23rd, it is customary to omit the Morning service here to allow the pastor and others to attend. We approve of omitting the regular service leaving the Meeting House open for those who desire an unprogrammed meeting.

The combined Stewardship and Missionary Committee suggest that at the close of the June Monthly Meeting

5-24-57 a film on Missions be shown, followed by a social hour with refreshments. An offering will be taken.

A Directory of Friends Meetings in U.S.A and Canada has been received. More copies are available for 25 cts. each.

The supper committee report $48.45 received toward the organ fund.

Russel Ross informs the Meeting that the insurance on E. Blackstone Meeting House which expires in June will be taken care of by that group. The Insurance Company has been so notified.

The Finance Committee is requested, if feasible, to send pledges to our members requesting help on the organ fund.

The time of Church vacation is left to the discretion of Meeting of Ministry and Counsel.

No further business appearing, we adjourn.
8 members present Melita B. Fisher, clerk

6-28-57 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Sixth Month 28, 1957.

After a period of silence the Minutes of the last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $114.40 in General Fund.

A letter from Honolulu with leaflets telling of the construction of a new Meeting House has been read, also one from the Society of Brothers inviting us to visit them in their new quarters. A farewell letter from Errol Elliot who has been Gen. Secretary of the Five

6-28-57 Years Meeting and editor of American Friend informs us that he is leaving this field to take a pastorate in Indianapolis. Glenn Reece is to be his successor.

A letter from the President of Quaker Men, Bernard White, asks all men to help sponsor an Agricultural Missionary in East Africa. Jesse Parshall, Treas., Richmond, Ind. will welcome contributions.

A letter from Young Friends Clerk, Carleton Cates informs us of the Jamaican Caravan. This letter should go to the Quarterly Meeting for action.

A letter from American Friends Board of Missions expresses a need for workers on mission field who would serve in the following capacities.
1. A qualified head for the Friends Boys school in Ramallah Jordan.
2. A teacher for junior Missionary children in Africa.
3. An able administrator in Friends Educational Council at Highgate, Jamaica.
4. Kenya Secondary School asks for an English teacher
5. " " " also asks for a history-geography teacher
6. A bookkeeper-accountant at Kaimosi
7. A Friend to head up evangelistic work in Africa

The Budget for 1957-58 from the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting is at hand giving the amount as $21,475 which averages about $6.70 per member.

A letter from Errol and Annie Carpenter have asked that their names and those of their family be removed from our records as they are living out of town indefinitely. With regret their names will be removed from our membership.

6-28-57 The Sunshine Committee reports Sympathy cards sent to Maude & Addie Paine & Ann Aldrich. Get Well cards sent to Margaret Wilson, Everett Aldrich, Robert Ewen, Floyd McCullough; Shut-in cards Shut In Sunday - Melvin and Eunice Meader, Agnes Smith, Everett Aldrich, Estella Pitts, Addie Paine, Lila Smith, Adam Ewen Sr.

The Queries are read and we appoint the following Representatives Ruth Smith, Lauriston Smith, Richard McNamara, Kenneth Smith, Kenneth Strobel, Eunice Strobel and others who may attend, to Quarterly Meeting which will be held in So. Uxbridge, Mass. Seventh Month 21, 1957. Mr. & Mrs. Small hostesses for lunch.

The Meeting of Ministry and Counsel recommend that the Meeting for Worship be omitted through the month of August allowing the pastor two weeks with pay. The regular Meeting to be resumed September 1, 1957. Announcement is made of a Union Service at our Meeting House the third Sunday in August.

Ruth Smith expressed appreciation for the privilege of attending Yearly Meeting, giving a very interesting report of the activities, including the opening meeting where James A. Coney stressed the fact that we must become integrated with Christ and recreate Christian Quakerism, the welcoming of visiting Friends from all parts of the world, the summary of Epistles, the Fellowship Worship Period, the Bible Half Hour, the statistical reports, the panel on Christian Education, the address of Levinus Painter concerning Africa, report of Friends Committee on National Legislation, the announcement of a change of Friends Center at Cambridge, a new secondary school to be opened in September, at Rindge, N.H. conducted by a group of interested Friends, a Beacon Hill Friends House Corporation to be opened soon, along with the joy of fellowship & becoming better acquainted with Friends affairs.

6-28-57 (Yearly Meeting and editor of the American Friend for) (thirteen years

Paul Husted expressed pleasure at being able to attend Yearly Meeting to become better acquainted with other Friends. He regretted the matter of the dismissal of the headmaster at Moses Brown School with the many comments.

Paul Husted expresses concern over the public school in Woonsocket, R.I. being used by a Catholic school without compensation. The Society of Friends protest this action and will so notify the Woonsocket School Committee.

A unanimous thanks was given the Ladies Aid for the new cover on the organ.

Following the Monthly Meeting, a film on the Dead Sea Scrolls was shown, after which refreshments were served under the auspices of the Missionary Stewardship-Christian Education Committee. A silver offering for organ fund was received.

Our business thus concluded
Melita R. Eisner.

17 members
5 visitors

7-26-57 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Seventh Month 26, 1957.

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Doris P. Mowry is appointed to serve.

The Minutes of the last Meeting are read.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all but one attended.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $304.61 on hand.

7-26-57 The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Lester Taber, Adam Ewen, Sr. Sympathy cards to Laura Husted Baby card to Muriel Kleves, Birthday cards to Mrs. Robert Brindle and to Agnes Smith.

On Oct. 12 at Sandwich Quarterly Meeting the anniversary will be observed All are welcome.

A letter from the Committee to aid the Fellowship of Reconcitiation has been read urging us to contribute to a fund to help bombed Christians of the South whose plight is tragic. The Clerk is appointed to receive contributions for this fund

The Committee appointed at the Meeting of Ministry + Counsel in June, to confer with Paul Husted on giving us more time and to talk over other matters report that the committee met presented their report but no united recommendation is forthcoming from the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel on the pastoral situation. The matter is to be taken to Mo Mtg

At this Meeting, after lengthy deliberations we, are united in informing Paul Husted that the Meeting feels that since he is unable to give more time to (the) us it becomes necessary to secure a pastor by September first who can serve in a fuller capacity. The Clerk is directed to inform him of our decision, expressing appreciation for the work of Laura Husted, the children and the family as a whole.

The following Committee is appointed to canvas the field for a part time pastor (man): Ruth Smith, Eleanor Mowry, Louise and Lester Taber. They are at liberty to choose one of their number to head the Committee. If supply is obtained the Committee is authorized to pay a reasonable amount, probably not to exceed $10.

No further business we adjourn.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

8-30-57 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I., Eighth Month 30, 1957

In the absence of the Clerk the Assistant Clerk serves.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $133.26 on hand

A letter + brochure of the Fiduciary Corporation of Friends is at hand It will be placed with the Clerk for future reference.

Announcement of the Annual Fall Conference of Friends from New York and New England on Sept. 4-6 at Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

The matter of affiliating with Friends General Conference presented at Quarterly Meeting was left to the Monthly Meetings to discuss + report at Yearly Meeting. We feel that we should lay it aside to discuss when George Jones can give his opinion on the matter.

Announcements of a concert to be held at Quaker Meeting House No. Uxbridge Sept. 8 + of a religious service to be held Sept. 29 have been read. They will be read in Morning Meeting, then posted on bulletin board

A letter from F.C.N.L asking for funds has been rea We recommend that it be referred to Peace + Social Concerns Committee

Bessie Ewen requests the use of the Meeting House on Sept. 7 for the wedding of Susan Ewen to Leslie Caillouet. This is unanimously approved.

Since Laura Husted was co-chairman of Junior Young

8-30-'57 Friends. Wilma Smith requests that some one else be appointed. This will be referred to the Nominating Committee

Marion Ross reports for caretakers that Laura Husted will sell her electric stove for forty dollars($40). We approve of buying the stove and also reimbursing the Husted's for oil in tank at parsonage.

The Pastoral Committee reports they have provided supply for Sept. 1 and 8, Rev James Hinson, service to be at 10 a. m. Sept. 1.

11 present. Our business being accomplished we conclude.
Bessie F. Ewen Asst. Clerk

8-14-'57 At a special Meeting of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held Eighth Month 14 1957, in absence of Clerk Asst Clerk serves.

Pastoral Committee reports they met with George Jones Eighth Month 9, to ask if he would be a candidate for pastorhr. He consented and asks $2000 salary per year plus utilities. He can start his duties September 15th.
We approve calling him to be our pastor. Asst Clerk is instructed to notify George Jones by mail.
We recommend that the caretakers seek furnishings for the parsonage, since George Jones has no furniture.
The pastoral committee is commended for its good work and are requested to furnish supply speakers the first two Sundays in September

Our business being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet at regular time Eighth Month 30th.
Bessie F. Ewen Asst. Clerk

9-27-'57 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R. I. Ninth Month 27, 1957.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $174.81 in General Fund with outstanding bills.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Adam Ewen, Sylvester Matheson & Agnes Smith, flowers to Adam Ewen in hospital, sympathy card to Leona Ewen and family.

We welcome George Jones, Jr. as pastor of Smithfield Monthly Meeting and will appreciate any plans or suggestions he may have for the Meeting.

The matter of affiliating with the General Friends Conference is laid over for discussion at our Quarterly Meeting.

We are asked to have a special program on Dec. 15 commemorating Whittier's one hundred fiftieth birthday. George Jones, Jr is appointed to make arrangements for this.

A letter has been received from Agnes Smith requesting the removal of her name from our membership. Action is deferred. George Jones and Henrietta Pendleton are willing to visit and talk with her.

A letter from Dr. McCracken of Riverside Church in N. Y. tells of the work of the Japanese International Christian University. We are urged to help financially in carrying on this work. The communication is tabled

The following are appointed to make arrangements for Quarterly Meeting dinner - Nellie M. Fisher, Louise Taber, Marion Ross, others to be added by the Committee.

9-27-57 The following Representatives are appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting which will be held here Tenth Month 20. They are to report at our next meeting - Russel Ross; Lloyd C. Arnold; Marion Ross; Lester and Louise Taber; Ruth Smith, Laura Follett; Doris Mowry, Richard McNamara.

On October 6 at 7:30 p.m. Levinus Painter, a former pastor here will give first hand information regarding our Mission work in Africa. He helped set up a Yearly Meeting among Friends

The Clerk is requested to send greetings to Willard Ware in Memorial Hospital in Worcester, Mass.

A bulletin with a letter of information for a special offering in November for the United Budget has been received. Poster will be placed on bulletin, information given to Finance Committee for action as they see fit.

It is with deep sorrow we record the death of Adam L. Ewen on Tuesday Sept. 24, 1957. He served for several years as an Elder in our Meeting and was faithful in attendance at Morning Worship. He was a respected member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting and will be greatly missed. We instruct the Clerk to send a copy f this Minute to the family.

A questionaire from Bernard Poirier, Pres. of City Council of Woonsocket regarding activities among the young people has been received by George Jones which will be filled in and returned

We approve of an announcement being made of the need of a mimeograph in the Meeting. The Finance Committee approves of the loose collection on October 6 being used toward this project.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

10-25-57 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Tenth Month 25, 1957

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $131.64 in General Fund with outstanding bills of $61.93

A letter from Helen Burgess, Chairman of Yearly Meeting Christian Education Committee gives information regarding a winter Conference at Woolman Hill Nov. 15-17 for First Day School Teachers and Workers. Each Monthly Meeting is asked to pay five dollars tuition; Yearly Meeting to pay the remaining five dollars. We approve of paying for two or three who may be able to attend. Shirley Worrall and Carolyn Smith are appointed and Eleanor Mowry is to be requested to attend.

At Quarterly Meeting an announcement of a Conference in Georgetown, Ohio for ministerial training was given. It was hoped that some one from each Quarterly Meeting might attend. As no one is available from here, no action is necessary.

The Woonsocket Historical Society is offering assistance in clearing the old cemetery. In accepting help we would suggest that the worthwhile trees be retained. We appreciate their interest & would be glad to know their plan.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that five attended

George Jones, Jr reports that the mimeograph has been purchased at a cost of ($150) one hundred fifty dollars which includes a cabinet.

We appreciate having Thomas Fisher as a visitor now serving as pastor of Worcester Meeting.

10-25-'57 The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Grace McNamara, Sympathy card to Eunice Meader, a wedding congratulation to Gerald and [illegible] Smith.

As we are not sufficiently informed regarding the General Friends Conference, especially on the financial status, we have asked George Jones to contact Thomas Bodine who gave the report at Quarterly Meeting in July before we have further discussion.

A letter from Mrs. Bertha Hammann, Sec. of Quaker Meeting House Society in E. Blackstone requests any interest available from Fund under the Smithfield Monthly Meeting. As the original agreement specifically states that the interest must be used for the upkeep of building and cemetery, our meeting requests an account of what the money requested is to be used for.

Ho A. Pendleton, President of Missionary Society, reports that because of small attendance at its meetings, it seems necessary to lay it down after December. The hope is expressed that a younger group may carry on. Regret is expressed that it seems necessary to give up a group that has functioned faithfully for years. Lloyd Arnold feels that every Meeting should have a Missionary Society that includes men. The matter is referred to the Missionary Committee of the Monthly Meeting for consideration.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

11 members
pastor
guest

11-29-57 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Eleventh Month 29, 1957.

The Minutes of last meeting are read

The Treasurer reports $39.27 on hand in General Fund with all bills paid to date.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Sybil Dowling, Edna Pratt, Mae Todd, Grace McNamara, Grace Jones, Thanksgiving cards to Lila Smith, Estella Fitts, Eunice Meader, Addie Paine. Agnes Smith also weekly Church program.

Marion Ross, chairman of Caretakers has presented a concern considered in the Ladies' Aid, namely the placing of a railing on outside Church steps. The Ladies Aid will pay half of the cost. This Meeting approves, the matter is left in the hands of Caretakers

Another matter presented by Ch. of caretakers was considered, regarding the purchase of oil for Church and parsonage. If a local dealer is patronized he will give a discount of ½ ct. a gallon. As Buckley & Scott has served us for a number of years & Lloyd Arnold has negotiated with them, it is suggested that after conferring with these two parties, the caretakers proceed as they see fit.

The reports that Carolyn Smith and Shirley Worrall, our Representatives to the Conference at Woolman Hill, Deerfield, Mass. for First Day School Teachers and Workers were very interesting. Excerpts are taken from the reports. Katherine Paton's subject was "The Ministry of Teaching". She said teaching was a creative task, helping to mold lives and pe sonalities. To become an effective tool in God's hand one must spend much time in quietness with Him, apply lessons of Bible to every day life, showing how you get enjoyment from it, be tolerant, have

Treasurer's Report for the Month of December, 1957.

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On hand in General Fund November 30, 1957		$ 116.98
" " " Missionary Committee Fund		50.00
" " " Organ Fund		67.00
		$ 233.98

Receipts:

General Collections	423.35	
For United Budget	16.59	
From Invested Funds	25.00	
For Mimeograph	22.65	
" Organ	9.00	
Collection for Missions (5 Yrs. Mtg.)	2.50	
Long distance tel. call	.39	499.48
		$ 733.46

Expenses:

Pastor's Salary	153.84	
Janitor's "	20.00	
Supply Pastor	20.00	
Buckley & Scott - oil for meeting house	58.75	
Kiley's - " " parsonage	24.25	
BVG&E - lights at meeting house	5.10	
" - " " parsonage	9.38	
Telephone	6.53	
Carpet sweeper - for meetinghouse	10.25	
Friends Book & Supply - Contribution envs.	10.87	
Axelrod - music for choir	6.48	
Subscription to "The Young Friend"	1.00	
Stamped envelopes	1.88	
Finley Perry - United Budget	16.59	
Investment Comm. - money from organ fund	76.00	420.92
		$312.54

On hand in General Fund December 31, 1957	262.54
" " for Missionary Committee	50.00
	$ 312.54

All bills have been paid to date

Respectfully submitted,

Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

January 1, 1957 - December 31, 1957

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Balance on hand in General Fund January 1, 1957		$ 278.42
On hand for Missionary Committee		50.00
		328.42
Receipts:		
Collections	$3,008.52	
Collections for United Budget	313.05	
From Invested Funds	562.18	
Miscellaneous Income	2,196.14	6,079.89
		$6,408.31
Expenses:		
Pastor's salary & supplies	$1,906.16	
Janitor's salary	240.00	
United Budget Fund	513.05	
Light & water	80.88	
Oil for heating	434.47	
Insurance	370.49	
Special donations	95.00	
Repairs - meetinghouse & parsonage	104.94	
Organ	1,200.00	
Mimeograph	150.00	
Purchase of securities	490.00	
Lawn mower	75.00	
Miscellaneous expense	435.78	6,095.77
Balance on hand in General Fund December 31, 1957		$ 262.54
On hand for Missionary Committee		50.00
		$ 312.54

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie M. Fisher, Treasurer

11-29-'57 love for a child, be companionable, allow the child some freedom of choice in subjects or projects. Much true work comes when least conscious of it.

Morris Mitchell, Director of Putney School of Teacher Education thinks discussions of problems is more effective than study of text books. The Indian and Negro problems will only be solved when there is love between peoples. He suggests giving a class a question for thought during the week

The Sunday morning discussion brought out several thoughts - to become a good teacher, inspiration must be brought to class, study is essential, remember that teaching is a challenge and an opportunity, that there is divinity and worth in everyone. Aids to teaching are use of Bible, projects, plays, slides, flannel graphs, and visual aids. Quote ~~from~~ about Bible - "To know it is to love it; to love it is to know it".

The girls brought greetings from the Brooks family. We appreciate these reports, feeling that both they and this Meeting profitted from their attendance.

Since our last Meeting, the Clerk has conferred with the President of the Historical Society in regard to clearing old cemetery. He suggests that a committee from this Meeting be appointed to talk matters over. We feel that (a member of) the new Cemetery Committee should (be appointed at a future meeting) meet with the Pres. of Hist. Soc.

Our Treasurer has received a letter from Puerto Rico asking aid for Spanish Refugees. This notice will be posted on bulletin board

A poster from the Fellowship of Reconciliation showing samples & prices of 1957 Christmas cards is at hand

A catalogue of Friends Lending Library from Friends Central Office is here. It is suggested that an announcement be made regarding this. Later the catalogue will be placed on bulletin

-9-57 The Young Friends Committee of North America have sent a sample copy of "The Young Friend" also a message concerning a Conference held in Canada last August. It is hoped that this copy "The Young Friend" will be placed in hands of high school and college age young people. Subscription for a year, is one dollar. We as a meeting are asked to subscribe giving support to the young people. We approve of subscribing, having it sent to the Clerk.

Letters from Central Committee for C.O's, from Syracuse Monthly Meeting and from No. Columbus Friends Meeting have similar messages, urging financial help for C.O's, giving suggestions for non-violent action, urging Congress to end the draft law. These letters are referred to Peace and Social Concern Committee for their deliberation and recommendations to Monthly Meeting as they see fit.

The following are named as a Nominating Committee for 1958. They are to bring in the names of officers, Committees and Elders for the year - Ruth Smith, Bessie Ewen, Kenneth Strobel, Kenneth Smith.

The Mosher Fund has given a list of books from which each Monthly Meeting may choose two, gratis, for circulation + Church Library. Tenji by Gertrude Jenness Rinden + Indian Thought and its Development by A Schweitzer were chosen.

At our last Monthly Meeting it was announced that the Women's Missionary Society was to be laid down at the end of this year. The matter was referred to the Missionary Committee of the Monthly Meeting for suggestions. As yet none have been received

As Martha Smith and Laura Husted have moved out of town, Wilma Smith + Beatrice Mowry of the Jr. Activity Committee recommend the names of Carolyn Smith + Shirley Horrall to fill the vacancies of which we

1-29-'57 approve

As directed by Monthly Meeting, a letter was sent to Mrs. Bertha Hammann regarding the use of interest for E. Blackstone Quaker Meeting House Society, but no reply has been received

Beacon Hill Friends House at 6 Chestnut St., Boston 8, Mass extends an invitation to interested Friends to attend open house December 7th from 3 p.m. Gilbert M. Kilpack, Director of Studies at Pendle Hill, is expected to speak at 4 p.m on "The Role of a Resident Center in Quaker Education". This announcement will be given in the Meeting for Worship.

A letter with a pamphlet entitled "The Spiritual Sickness of the World Today" by Kathleen Lonsdale has been received from Harold Chance which will be circulated among the members.

Our pastor, George Jones, Jr. requests leave of absence at Christmas time to visit his home in Richmond, Ind. leaving December 22 after Morning Meeting returning around New Years. We approve of granting the request. Eleanor Mowry and Lloyd Arnold are appointed to secure supply for one Sunday.

George Jones reported that he and Etta Pendleton visited Agnes Smith regarding her letter of resignation. Her thought was that she could no longer keep in the work of the Church, but commending her for past work and assuring her that the members of her family working in the Church was a valuable contribution, she decided to retain membership with us.

No further business appearing, we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

0 members
1 visitor
the pastor

12-27-57 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket R.I. Twelfth Month 27, 1957

The Minutes of last meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $116.78 on hand in General Fund with all current bills paid

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Mr + Mrs Joseph Tellier, Christmas cards to - Lela Smith, Addie Paine, Estella Titts, Eunice Meader, Agnes Smith. The above named were also sent Christmas box of cookies. The Church program has been sent to each of the above five for the last month.

Excerpts from a bulletin sent our Monthly Meeting from Worcester Monthly Meeting have been read

A letter from Peace and Social Concerns Committee of New England Yearly Meeting has been read urging us to consider a prayer vigil in our family, our Monthly Meeting or by ourselves for the discontinuance of nuclear weapons, especially for those scheduled in South Pacific in April. A letter from Harold Chance tells of the prayer vigil in Washington in November. He asks us to enlist in the cause of peace

Christmas Greetings from William Robbins and wife, he having substituted as pastor here for some time, have been read.

The Youth Secretary of Five Years Meeting, Wayne Carter, sends a letter giving dates of Political Education Seminars to be held in Washington D.C. Feb. 13-15, Mar. 13-15, Apr. 10-12

A letter from the General Hospital in Mexico has been received. As it is in Spanish no one here is able to interpret it.

2-27-57 Eunice L. Meader, a beloved member of this Meeting, requests a visiting Minute to visit Friends' Meetings in N.C. and other Meetings in the south. We are happy to grant this request, the Clerk to prepare such a Minute.

Russell Brooks, a former pastor is to occupy the pulpit on December 29th in the absence of George Jones Jr. The matter of compensation is considered. We approve of paying twenty dollars ($20). The Clerk is requested to phone R. Brooks inviting him + family to have dinner with Russel and Marion Ross.

The Annual Report of the Sunshine Committee follows: Get Well cards 36, Birthday 3, Sympathy 10, Anniversary 1, Valentines 7, Easter 6, Wedding Congratulation 1, Shut-In cards on Shut In Sunday 7, Baby congratulation 1, Funeral House Bouquet 2, Thanksgiving cards 5, Christmas cards 5, Christmas Boxes 6, Church program sent each week for past month to five Shut-Ins. Total 82 -
The pastor, Etta Pendleton + Leona Ewen called on all the Shut-Ins at Christmas time except Eunice Meader who is now living in N.C. in a rest home.
The Meeting thanks the chairman of this committee for the splendid report and for furnishing so many cards and stamps at her own expense.

Russel Ross, chairman of Finance Committee reports that several meetings were held during the year, letters and weekly envelopes sent out. The budget of $4500 for 1958 is presented and approved.

The chairman of Caretakers reports that before the rug presented by Ladies' Aid was laid, a register in floor was removed + floor repaired. Lester + Louise Taber, Lauriston Smith, Russel + Marion Ross scraped and painted wall, the sink was repaired, lattice work on porch, new cellar doors at parsonage, damage caused by vandalism repaired. The caretakers were appointed to secure furnishings for

12-27-57 parsonage. The electric stove belonging to the Husted family was purchased by the Church, many donations were received. A carpet sweeper was bought for the janitor to use for Church carpet. Lester Taber & Lauriston Smith are having a railing placed outside the Church soon, as suggested in November Meeting. Russel Ross & Lauriston Smith repaired cement on outside of Church building. The matter of securing fuel oil for Church and parsonage is left to the Caretakers.

The Report of the Nominating Committee is received and approved.

Clerk Melita B. Fisher
Asst. Clerk - Bessie J. Ewen
Treasurer Nellie M. Fisher
Asst. Treas. Lester R. Taber
Correspondent - Mae B. Todd
Elders - Term expires 1958 - Melita B. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Russel Ross, Lester Taber
Term expires 1959 - Joseph C. Estes, Bessie J. Ewen, Grace McNamara
Term expires 1960 - Ruth Smith, Etta Pendleton, Mae Todd, Nellie Fisher.
Investment Committee - Russel Ross, Nellie Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Lester Taber
Finance Committee - Russel Ross, Kenneth Smith, Kenneth Strobel, Nellie Fisher, Lester Taber, Walter Symes
Caretakers - Marion Ross, Louise Taber, Lauriston Smith, Louise Corrigan, Lester Taber
Relief and Sunshine Committee - Henrietta A. Pendleton, Leona Ewen
Missionary, Stewardship, Christian Education - Lloyd C. Arnold, Eunice Strobel, Robert Mowry, Russel McFee, Barbara Rhodes.
Young Peoples' Activities - Eunice & Kenneth Strobel, Marion Ross, George Jones, jr.
Junior Activities - Wilma Smith, Beatrice Mowry, Shirley Worrall, Carolyn Smith

12-27-'57 Cemeteries
Mapleville - Joseph C. Estes
Woonsocket - Doris Mowry, Battye Ewen, Carlston Aldrich.
E. Blackstone - Russel Ross, Leslie Follett, Ernest Smith.
Ushers - Lauriston Smith, Glenn Smith, Robert Taber, Donald Ross.
Music Committee - Lloyd Arnold, George Jones, Jr. Carolyn Smith, Mrs. Ernest Smith (Ruth), Melita Fisher
Peace and Social Concern - Ministry and Counsel.
Flower Committee - Nellie Fisher, Louise Taber, Laura Follett, Wilma Smith, Ann Aldrich, Gail Ross.
Delegate to Woonsocket Council of Church Women - Muriel McFee

The officers and committees are commended for efficient work this past year. George Jones Jr. serving us as pastor since September 15th has made many calls, provides mimeographed programs each Sunday, serves acceptably as organist for choir and is available for any helpful service.

We are united in the suggestion of holding a "Get Acquainted Evening" on Sunday, January 12th at 6:30 p.m. inviting the ministers with their wives to meet our pastor George Jones, Jr. The following members are appointed to make the arrangements - Marion Ross, ~~Lester~~ Louise Taber, Ruth Smith, Bessie Ewen, Nellie and Melita Fisher

No further business, we adjourn.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

Jan 1958 The Report of the Investment Committee is as follows:

Nancy Inman Fund	income for use of meeting	$100.00	
Abbie M. Harris	" " " "	1000.00	
James Pitts Memorial	" " " "	2948.17	85.89
C. B. & R. B. Brown	" " " "	400.00	
Dency A. Wilbur	" " " "	5000.00	
Isabel Read		331.14	
M. & A. Hallery		1000.00	1015
H. Southwick	Bldg, cemetery & fence	400.00	
Nelson Taft	repairs to Mtg house	200.00	
James S. Read	for Sunday School	331.14	30.47 361.61
A. & A. Cranston	" local missionwork	190.01	42.19 282.20
A. Pinkham	" flower committee	100.00	24.39 24.39
E. S. Aldrich	income & prin for needy women	35.51	46.81 82.40
Andrew Comstock	E. B. Mtg house & cemetery	500.00	441.93 [illegible]
Avis B. Steere	after 25 yr. Smith. Me Mtg. (dated 8/31/45	500.00	
Woonsocket cemetery	repair & upkeep of cemetery	25.00	
Mapleville	" income " " " "	100.00	187.61 287.61
	Funds held in trust	13160.97	$526.88
	Int.	826.08	
	Total held in trust	$13987.05	

Woonsocket Institution for Savings #66439	[illegible]	$143.37
Irving Trust - N.Y. stock	434.00	16.80
Prov. Washington Ins. (32)	416.00	16.00
Ind. Nat. Bank (42)	1564.50	66.90
1st Nat. Bank Boston 32	1397.00	71.50
2-$1000 U.S. Treas. Bonds ($2\frac{1}{2}$ of 1967-72)	1860.00	30.00
1-$1000 N.Y. Putnam R.R. C. Bd. (4% of 1993)	600.00	40.00
1-$1000 Gen Tel & Tel Bd. ($2\frac{3}{4}$ of 4/1/82	810.00	27.50
Plantation Bank of R.I. (Cf. of deposit)	2150.00	58.27
Value of funds	$19785.33	$562.18
Less total held in trust	13987.05	
Amount available for use of Meeting	$5798.28	

-31-'58 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. First Month 31, 1958.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer for December shows a balance of $262.54 in the General Fund with all bills to date paid.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer is received, audited and approved. It is recorded as follows:

Jan. 1, 1957 December 31, 1957

Balance on hand in General Fund Jan 1, 1957		$278.42
On hand for Missionary Committee		50.00
		$328.42
Receipts:		
Collections	$3,008.52	
Collections for United Budget	313.05	
From Invested Funds	562.18	
Miscellaneous Income	2196.14	6079.89
		$6,408.31
Expenses:		
Pastor's salary + supplies	$1906.16	
Janitor's "	240.00	
U. Budget Fund	513.05	
Light + Water	80.88	
Oil for heating	434.47	
Insurance	370.49	
Special donations	95.00	
Repairs Mtg house + parsonage	104.94	
Organ	1200.00	
Mimeograph	150.00	
Purchase of securities	490.00	
Lawn Mower	75.00	
Miscellaneous expense	435.78	6095.77
Balance on hand in Gen. Fund Dec 31, '57		262.54
On hand for Miss. Committee		50.00
		312.54

Respectfully submitted,
Signed - Nellie M. Fisher, Treas.

1-31-'58 The Report of Investment Committee is received and is recorded on p. 210 in this book.

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk are appointed to prepare the Statistical Report for Quarterly and Yearly Meetings.

George Jones, Jr. has received a letter from Thomas Bodine regarding General Conference of Friends, which was laid over for a later period.

A letter from Merritt Murphy regarding the Local Meeting Directory which appears in the American Friend has been received. The cost is ten cents per line per issue, payment quarterly, semi-annually or annually. We feel that it is unnecessary for us to be included.

Announcement is made of a Missionary Conference to be held in the Cambridge Friends' Meeting Center February 22 at 10:30 a.m. Ruth Replogle from Ridgewood, N. J., a member of American Friends Board of Missions, will be the speaker. Topic - "Our Missionaries Coming and Going." This is a public meeting.

A Minute for Eunice Meader prepared by the Clerk with the help of the pastor was sent, for which thanks and appreciation to the Meeting have been received.

The railing on outside of Church has been installed by Lester Taber, Lauriston Smith assisted by Lloyd C. Arnold.

A letter from Clayton Brown, Chairman of Yearly Meeting Finance Committee urges generous contributions to United Budget. We approve of having this letter read in the Meeting for Worship. It is suggested that the Finance Committee send letters with enclosed envelopes to our members asking for a special offering at Easter time for the United Budget.

George Jones, Jr. suggests that some of our young people might attend a seminar in Washington, D. C. in March or April. Topic - Youth in a Missile Age. We approve of helping

1-31-58 with expenses. Further plans will be made at our next meeting.

Eunice Strobel is appointed to prepare a list of Adult Young People as requested by the

Our business being accomplished we adjourn
Melita B. Fisher, clerk

2-28-58 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Second Month 28, 1958.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of Treasurer shows a balance of $358.41 on hand in General Fund.

The Sunshine Committee reports Valentines sent to Ann Aldrich, Agnes Smith, Idella Perine, Estella Titus, Lucie Smith. Get Well cards to Mrs. Hart, Robert Faber & Ella Pearlston, the latter was received from other member of Sunshine Committee. Programs and sermons were sent to "shut-ins" every week but one in February.

The Committee appointed to prepare the Statistical report presents the following, a copy of which will be sent to Quarterly Meeting, the other inserted here.

A letter from Eunice Meader, a faithful and beloved member of this Meeting, now residing in North Carolina, requests transfer of membership to the Friends Meeting at Centre, N.C. The request is granted with regret, committing her to the Christian fellowship of Centre Friends Meeting. When accepted by this Meeting, her name will be taken from our records.

An announcement of a Political Education Seminar for High School Young Friends in Washington, D.C. is at hand. (1.) We approve of securing two of our young people to attend

Statistics for Smithfield Monthly Meeting for 1957

PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All Monthly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.

	Particular Meetings			Totals
1. Number of Members last year,	119			
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,	0			
3. Additions by Birth,	1			
4. Additions by Request,	7			
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,	0			
6. Additions by Letter from another Denomination,	1			
7. Total Additions,	9			
8. Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,	0			
9. Loss by Death,	2			
10. Loss by Disownment,	0			
11. Loss by Resignation,	5			
12. Loss by Discontinuance,	4			
13. Loss by Certificate to Another Friends Meeting,	0			
14. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,	2			
15. Total Loss,	13			
16. Number of Members this year,	115			
17. Net Gain,				
18. Net Loss,	4			
19. Number of Males,	53			
20. Number of Females,	62			
21. Number under 21 years of age,	19			
22. Number of Associate Members,	21			
23. Number of Associate Members Transferred to Active Membership,	0			
24. Number of Resident Members,	78			
25. Number of Non-Resident Members,	37			
26. " " Adult Resident Members	65			
27. Average attendance at Sun Worship [illegible]	26			

PROVE ALL FIGURES AND TOTALS AS SUGGESTED BELOW.

2-28-55 the April seminar helping them financially. George Jones, J is appointed to secure information regarding transportation, receiving individual gifts toward same, reporting progress at next meeting.

Russel Ross, chairman of Finance Committee has read a letter which is approved, to be sent to the members of our Meeting regarding a special offering for the United Budget, at a future date, undetermined.

The Missionary, Stewardship, Christian Education Committee is requested to send out a letter asking for a special Easter offering for Smithfield Monthly Meeting. This Committee is reminded that when in November it was announced that the Woman's Missionary Society was laid down, the Missionary Committee was asked to give consideration to a younger group forming a Society.

A letter from Thomas Bodine regarding affiliating with Friends General Conference has been read. A general discussion followed. No agreement is apparent, and as this matter is to be brought before our next Quarterly Meeting, our lack of agreement will be presented then.

A United Protestant Preaching Mission under the auspices of the Ministerial Association announces meetings every Friday evening during Lent.

A letter transferring the membership of George Jones, J from Westport Monthly Meeting to Smithfield Monthly Meeting has been received. We are united in welcoming him into membership with us. George Jones, Jr is a recorded minister having been recorded in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

No further business appearing we adjourn.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

3-30-58 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Third Month 30, 1958 instead of Third Month 28, 1958

The Minutes of last meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of ~~$220.54~~ $35.62 in General Fund.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent Laura Follett, Edna Frank, Ernest & Ruth Smith, Nellie Fisher. Sympathy cards - Family of the late Agnes Smith, Mrs Fred and Adeline Randall, William Randall. Every week a sermon and church program sent to "shut ins" - Ann Aldrich, Estella Fitts, Addie Paine, Lila Smith.

A Conference on Friends Education will be held at Woolman Hill Fourth Month 11-13. Subject - "Finance. Friends Education in Today's World". It is suggested that Representatives be appointed from each meeting. Cost $12.

A pamphlet describing the "Walk for Peace" project is at hand. We are asked to join this walk.

A letter from Beatrice Rockett, clerk of Centre Monthly Meeting, N.C. has been received informing us of their pleasure in receiving Eunice D. Meader into membership with them Third Month 15th. It is with regret her name will be removed from our membership.

We record with sorrow the death on March 11th 58 of Agnes Smith, a member of this Meeting for many years. Her Christian faith courage and love were evidenced in all phases of her life and are clearly reflected in the lives of the children. George Jones Jr reported having received a card of thanks from the Smith family for the Meeting.

No further business appearing we adjourn

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

4-25-58 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R. I. Fourth Month 25, 1958

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $110.15 in General Fund

The Queries are read and we appoint Louise Taber, Kenneth Strobel, Lester R. Taber, Ruth Smith, Bessie Ewen, Lauriston Smith, Eunice Strobel, Joseph C. Estes as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting in Worcester, Mass., Fourth Month 27, 1958.

The Sunshine Committee reports a Birthday card sent to Mae B. Todd, Get Well card to Grace McNamara, Easter cards to, Addie G. Bain, Estella Fitts, Ben Aldrich, Lela Smith, Sympathy card to Morwenna Fellier.
Sermons and our own Monthly Meeting Worship bulletins have been sent regularly to Shut-ins.

The report on the State of Society has been read a copy of which will be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting.

A letter has been received from George Cates asking for contributions to China Camp. The matter will be taken up at the May meeting.

A letter from the Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund Committee solicits funds to help our young people attend Yearly Meeting at Lasell Junior College, Auburndale, Mass., June 18th - to 22nd. We approve of donating ten dollars ($10) to the Equalization Fund and ten dollars ($10) toward expenses of councilor

A letter from Young Friends Committee of N. E. gives a report of two years work by East-West Contacts Committee and solicits financial aid. This report will be placed on bulletin board

4-25-'58 A letter from Winnifred Barrett, High School Program Director for N.E.A.F.S.C. gives the dates of Institutes of International Relations at Friendly Crossways, Harvard, Mass as June 25 - July 1 & August 22-28. Cost $36. This too, will be placed on bulletin board

A letter from Milton Hadley encloses four pieces of material - Message on Disarmament, Crew of the Golden Rule, Stewardship cards, Christian Tithing which he urges us to order & make use of. He stresses the one on Message on Disarmament. We approve of obtaining fifty copies of those pamphlets.

A letter from Friends Council on Education, Philadelphia gives a report of Conferences & work accomplished. More money is needed to broaden their work and we are asked for a contribution. No action is taken.

An invitation to attend an Open House Tea on Saturday p.m. May 10th at Woolman Hill, Deerfield, Mass. has been received. If any wish to stay over night, contact Elizabeth Boardman, Acton, Mass. John E. Kaltenbach and Russell Johnson will speak briefly. This invitation will be placed on bulletin board

Russell Ross, chairman of Finance Committee reports letters are being sent out for a special offering for the United Budget.

A letter from A.F.S.C. in Cambridge, Mass. assures us that clothing is still needed, especially for men and boys. We are reminded that money is always welcomed.

The recommendation of the Meeting of Ministry and Council to drop the names of Frank Goodwin, Shirley Chadwick, Austin, Mary, Margaret, David, Edna, Joan, David Jr., Ernest, Ralph and Russell Wilson, Ernest Howard Jr., Rachel Smith, Herbert Trenouth, members who have not been in attendance for an indefinite time

4-25-'58 having been contacted without a response, is accepted. Accordingly their names will be taken from our membership. This action is approved.

The recommendation from Meeting of Ministry and Council to recall George Jones, Jr. as our pastor for another year is unanimously approved.

The recommendation to send ten dollars ($10) to Central Committee for Conscientious [illegible] Objectors is approved.

A letter from Willard Ware, Clerk of School Committee has been read, giving information concerning Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools.

A letter of thanks for a contribution $5.00 toward the voyage of the Golden Rule has been read.

A letter from Vernon Ross, President of Woonsocket District Ministers' Association announces an informal conference to consider the advisability of a local council of churches. Date of conference, April 30th at 6:30 p.m. at Universalist Church. Supper tickets one dollar and a half ($1.50). Reservations to be made ahead. Lauriston, Ruth, Carolyn, Wilma and Kenneth Smith are appointed as Representatives from Smithfield Monthly Meeting.

George Jones, Jr. expresses regret~~s~~ that no positive action was taken in regard to affiliating with Friends General Conference. Many of us are not sufficiently informed to take action.

Our business being accomplished, we conclude.

11 members present. Melita B. Fisher, clerk

6-2-58 At postponed Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Sixth Month 2, 1958

In the absence of the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk presided. Eunice Strobel served as Assistant Clerk, protem

The Minutes of the last meeting ~~were~~ are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $148.22 on hand in General Fund

The Sunshine Committee reports get well cards sent to Gerald Smith and Leona Ewen, sermons & programs to the shut-ins every week.

The letter from George Cates asking us to contribute funds to China Camp was laid over from last Monthly Meeting to this meeting for action. Since there seems no need of a counsellor to Yearly Meeting from here, we approve sending ($10) ten dollars to China Camp.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting in Worcester, Mass report that all attended

The Representatives appointed to attend an informal conference to consider the advisability of a local Council of Churches report that Ruth & Lauriston Smith attended. They report that after much discussion it was voted to form a continuation committee to be composed of the minister and a layman from each Church in the city plus a Representative from Woonsocket Council of Church Women, Ukyws and laymen's group. They are to work out a plan of organization and constitution to present to the Churches.

The literature from Friends Central Office, Richmond, Indiana has arrived - 50 copies of each except "Christian Tithing" the supply of this pamphlet being exhausted.

Announcement of Family Institute June 22 - 28, at Greenfield

6-2-58 N.H. is at hand and will be placed on bulletin board.

Announcement of Avon Institute July 26 - Aug. 2 at Lake Winnepesaukee is at hand and will also be placed on bulletin board.

As Yearly Meeting is in session on Sunday, June 22, we approve of having George Jones, Jr. prepare for a program here that day in order to keep the Meeting House open.

We appreciate the presence of Ann De Nevers as a visitor this evening, also Shirley Worrall.

George Jones, Jr. has information concerning affiliation with Friends General Conference. This matter will be taken up at the June meeting.

Carolyn + Eleanor Smith, Shirley Worrall, Priscilla and Beverly Follett plan to attend Yearly Meeting. Kerry and Kevin Smith may also attend. We approve that they receiv benefit from the Equalization Fund.

Our business being accomplished, we conclude.

Bessie F. Ewen Asst. Clerk

8 members
2 visitors

6-27-58 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Sixth Month 27, 1958.

The Minutes of last meeting are read.

The Sunshine Committee reports a get well card sent Richard McNamara + programs sent to shut-ins.

Announcement of High School Workshop Caravan at Friendsville Academy, Tenn. June 24 - July 4 is at hand.

Application blanks and programs of China Camp for the various sessions are at hand, also excerpts from the China Camp Log. All are placed on bulletin board.

-27-'58 A letter from the Executive Committee of Non-Violent Action Against Nuclear Weapons has been read asking us to make some observance of Hiroshima Day - Aug. 6. Information regarding the Golden Rule is appended. We suggest that the matter be given to Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

A letter from Milton Hadley writes of two pamphlets - "Pertinent Paragraphs", "Disarmament Message" which are free and tells of two others "I'm Glad we were Friends", "A Momentous Decision" which may be purchased for a small amount. We approve of sending for (25) twenty-five copies of each.

A pamphlet, entitled "The Population Bomb" has been received with comments by prominent persons. We are asked to read it, reporting to the authors whether more consideration should be given the matter.

"The Spiritual Dimension in Friends Peace Testimony" is the title of an Institute for adults at Friendly Crossways, Harvard, Mass. Aug. 29-31. Labor Day Retreat is sponsored by Lynn, Lawrence + Worcester Meetings. Applications are at hand. Cost of Institute ($11.50) eleven and one half dollars.

Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting at Sturbridge, Mass. July 19 are appointed: Ruth and Lauriston Smith, Lloyd Arnold, Louise and Lester Taber, Eunice + Kenneth Strobel, Bessie Ewen + George Jones, Jr.

The matter of closing the Meetings for Worship during August has been considered. Eleanor Mowry and H.O. Pendleton in consultation with the pastor are appointed to consider the matter and report at our next Monthly Meeting. The loose collection may be used for outside speakers if needed.

Ruth Smith reports that she and George Jones, Jr. attended a meeting recently where a tentative Constitution of Woonsocket Council of Churches was presented but no action taken.

It is suggested that the Chairman of Missionary Committee

6-27-'58 be asked to report on any action that may have been taken about forming a Missionary Society.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

9 members present.

7-25-'58 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Seventh Month 25, 1958.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

In the absence of the Clerk, the Meeting is in charge of the Assistant Clerk.

The report of the Treasurer for May and June is given showing a balance of $193.92 in General Fund at end of June.

The Sunshine Committee reports a Get Well card sent to Wilma Smith, a Sympathy card to Kenneth and Eunice Strobel.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting held in Sturbridge, Mass. report that all but two attended

The Committee appointed to consider the matter of Meeting for Worship in August report that George Jones will be here the first two Sundays in August and supply will be necessary for the last three Sundays.

The pamphlets as authorized by the Monthly Meeting for the clerk to secure, have arrived

Again we are reminded of the Labor Day Retreat to be held at Friendly Crossways, Harvard, Mass. Aug. 29-31

7-25-'58 The chairman of Missionary Committee reports that no meeting has been held but expects to have one soon.

The matter of observing Hiroshima Day, August 6 was left for the Peace + Social Concerns Committee to consider and report suggestions they may have. Monthly Meeting approves that the day be observed at the Sunday Meeting for Worship, the first part of August.

The staff in charge of publishing the Upyaa Wanderer need new headquarters and desire the use of some satisfactory place. George Jones, Jr. is willing that they use the basement at parsonage. We suggest that he confer with them about their equipment and report at the next meeting.

A letter from Milton Hadley accompanied by a notice of a meeting in Washington, D.C. regarding nuclear testing is read. The notice will be placed on the bulletin board.

We approve of omitting the August Monthly Meeting unless some urgent business should arise, when a meeting would be subject to the Call of the Clerk.

Our business being accomplished, we conclude.

Bessie T. Ewen Asst. Clerk

5 members present

7-26-'58 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Ninth Month 26, 1958.

No Meeting was held in August.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of \$87.93 in July + \$56.97 in August with all current bills paid.

9-26-58 The Sunshine Committee reports a Trotty Veck Get Well card sent to Mae B. Todd; a sympathy card to Grace Jones, a Get Well card to Mrs. R. Fournier, a congratulatory card to Gerald + Shirley Smith upon birth of son.

A communication from the Religious Society of Friends Phoenix Monthly Meeting is read in which they hope that some individuals may wish to send a contribution for their building fund.

A letter from Chairman of Non Violent Action Against Nuclear Weapons is read soliciting funds.

A personal letter from Friends Committee on National Legislation reminds us of the need of fiends to carry on their program.

A letter, bulletin and catalogue are at hand from the Moses Brown School. Each month, literature will be sent the Meeting to acquaint our members with the work of the school, creating a better understanding.

We question our responsibility for cemetery care.

A letter from Anna Pond of Mendon, Mass. regarding Quaker cemetery in Mendon was received by the clerk. It seemed wise to answer telling her the matter would be presented at this Meeting, altho no funds are available. It is suggested that the history concerning the ownership of cemetery be secured before action can be taken. (If possible we would suggest that it be taken over by state.)

The matter of having a joint Meeting with Worcester at the So. Uxbridge Friends Meeting House was talked about at the Quarterly Meeting held at Sturbridge in July, the date October 5th. George Jones has talked with the Worcester pastor, Thomas Fisher who feels that their local affairs will hinder them from participating. We feel that the Meeting should be carried on + it is suggested that the Providence Meeting be invited to join us.

9-26-58 While the program for Quarterly Meeting is in the hands of the Arrangement Committee, it is necessary to have a committee to prepare the evening meal. The following are appointed with power to choose others: Laura Follett + Louise Corrigan; co-chairmen, Bessie Ewen; Eunice Strobel, Marion Ross.

Our Representatives to Quarterly Meeting are as follows. Lloyd C. Arnold, Russel Ross, Mae B. Todd, Wilma Smith, Leslie Follett, Lester Tabet, Kenneth Strobel. They are to report at our next Meeting.

In 1945, Jonathan Steere established a fund in this Meeting in memory of his mother Avis Steere who was a member of this Meeting before her death. Word was received this week of the death of Jonathan Steere aged 88 in Philadelphia. We record his death, appreciating his thought for this Meeting.

Lloyd Arnold, ch. of Peace + Social Concerns Committee has read a letter from the " " " " of N.E. Yearly Meeting announcing a conference to be held at Woolman Hill, Deerfield, Mass. October 10-12. Geo. Jones, Jr. may be able to attend part time.

A letter from the Society of Brothers telling of their work is at hand.

Eleanor Mowry reports that Meetings were held every Sunday in August with Rev. James W. Hinson as supply preacher for three Sundays, George Jones, Jr. being present two Sun. Mr. Hinson was paid from loose collection ($20) a balance of $27.80 being turned into Treasury. The organist was paid by volunteers. Rev. Mr. Hinson invited our people to attend Sunday evening services at St. James Baptist Church which are held regularly.

The Executive Committee of UPHWA will confer further with George Jones, Jr. about printing headquarters.

9-26-'58 They have used parsonage a few times as a courtesy to them.

No further business appearing we conclude
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

10-31-'58 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R. I. Tenth Month 31, 1958.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $53.33 in General Fund with all bills paid to date

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Mrs Joseph Estes, Harry and Perlena Fisher, Grace McNamara & Maurice Penny.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that five of the seven were in attendance
Lester Taber and Russel Ross reported that the afternoon meetings were fairly well attended and were interesting. The attendance at supper was smaller than expected. Much credit is due the Committee for a very good meal.
Lloyd Arnold read an excerpt from Minutes of Quarterly Meeting Ministry & Counsel on the subject of Outward Rites. It seems advisable that we all consider the matter, discuss it and report to the Quarterly Meeting in April.

A letter was sent Anna Pond stating our position regarding Mendon Quaker Cemetery. The Clerk received a reply in which part of the boundaries were defined. A suggestion was made that Worcester Meeting would probably be able to obtain a deed by applying to the Court. This information was given the clerk of Worcester Meeting who will make further investigation.
A member of this Meeting sent ten dollars ($10) to partly clear cemetery, the Historical Society and others donated money to entirely clear the yard

10-31-'58 but the question was asked how it is to be kept clear.

Estella A. Fitts, a member of this Meeting for many years; very faithful in attendance and generous in contributing has asked to have her name taken from our records. Several members have asked her to re-consider but as she lives in Providence, no longer able to attend, she wishes to be released from membership.

After due consideration the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel recommend to the Monthly Meeting that her name be removed as she has so requested. The clerk is directed to inform her of our action, expressing regret and thank her for her years of loyalty to the Meeting.

A letter with the subject, place and date of a Seminar for Young Friends at the U.N. has been received from Wayne Carter, Youth Secretary of the Five Years Meeting. Registrations must be in by November 8. Juniors and Seniors will have preference.

An announcement of a Devotional Week-End at Woolman Hill, Nov. 7-9 has been read. Thomas Brown of Westtown School will be the leader, his topic "Significant Episodes in the Life of Jesus." Cost $10-

A letter from Marion Cole, head mistress of Lincoln School, Providence, has been read.

The Garden Club of North Smithfield has asked for the use of our Meeting House Nov. 8, from 2.00 to 5.00 p.m. Some of our members, seeing no objection have given temporary permission which they would be glad to have approved by this Meeting. We approve unanimously.

An enjoyable Hymn Sing directed by our pastor George Jones, Jr. was held at the Church, Sunday Evening Oct. 26. Several people have expressed a desire for more.

George Jones, Jr. reports that Upa va paper has been

10-31-58 printed at parsonage three times, permission being given once. He feels that he cannot devote one Saturday a month to them as they work from 10:00 a. m. to late evening. After much discussion we suggest that they be requested to find another place to work.

A letter from A. F. S. C. Pacific Southwest Regional Office has been read relative to The Fallout Suits.

A letter from James Walker for Friends World Committee has been read.

A letter from Leonard Hall of Five Years Meeting on Stewardship and Finance offering free envelopes and bulletin covers for Thanksgiving has been read. We approve of sending for this material, referring the matter to Russel Ross.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Bessie F. Ewen, Asst. Clerk.

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Visitor

11-28-58 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R. I. Eleventh Month 28, 1958

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $99.91 in General Fund.

The Sunshine Committee reports a Get Well card sent to Edna Trask. Programs and a sermon sent each week to shut-ins.

The Clerk notified Estella Fitts, that as requested her name was taken from our membership. In reply she writes, "I thank all the church members for their kindness to me. Remember me to them, please. I remember you all in my prayers and hope you re-

1-28-'58 member me."

The North Smithfield Garden Club which used the Meeting House recently, gave the Meeting a check for two dollars.

A letter from the United Fund asks for a contribution. The Ladies' Aid, composed largely of Monthly Meeting members, contributed and we feel that we can not do more at this time.

A letter from the Central Committee for C.O's, giving some examples of discrimination has been read. The committee asks for contributions to carry on the work of Central Committee. We approve of Ten dollars being sent.

A letter from Santa Monica Monthly Meeting of Friends informs us of their plans for a new Meeting House to cost $22,825. We are asked to share in this concern by contributions which will be deeply appreciated. It is suggested that we record our interest in the project.

A letter from the crew of the Golden Rule - Albert Bigelow and four others asks us to contribute to the Reynold's Defense Fund to help in the legal battle against the evil of continued bomb tests which endanger the moral and legal rights of the peoples of the earth. Earle Reynolds sentenced to six months in jail for sailing his yacht, Phoenix, into the Pacific bomb test area has a wife, a son and daughter who were not arrested and will continue to contest the legality of our governments action. We approve of sending five dollars for this Fund.

The Quaker, a Moses Brown paper, is at hand. An article by the William Paxton's, Mrs Paxton - Helen Thayer being a member of our Sunday School at one time, is written most interestingly from the Continent. This paper will be found on the bulletin board.

11-25-55 A letter from Harold Chance, of the A.F.S.C. staff encloses two pamphlets which may be duplicated by request. They are "Non Resistance" and "Christian Pacifism Reassessed". Names placed on pamphlets on bulletin board will receive copies.

The Nominating Committee is reminded that names of officers, committees and elders should be presented at our next meeting.

The Annual Reports of Committees, excluding Treasurer's are due at December Meeting.

We approve of the $50 set aside for Missionary being divided with Peace and Social Concern Committee — ten dollars of which is to be sent the Central Committee for C.O's and five dollars to the Reynolds' Defense Fund as previously stated.

A request for use of the Meeting House on Jan. 18 for the marriage of Gail (Ross) daughter of Russel and Marion Ross to Philip Arnold is unanimously granted.

If he so desires, George Jones, Jr. is released to visit his home in Richmond, Indiana for the Holiday Season being absent December 28th at Meeting for Worship. The Clerk is requested to arrange for supply, offering fifteen dollars as compensation. Two names were suggested as possibilities.

George Jones, Jr. is asked to secure ten pamphlets "The Quaker Message", price fifty cents each and two copies of Elton Trueblood's book "The Common Ventures of Life".

No further business, the Meeting adjourned.

7 members
Melita B. Fisher, clerk

Roll Call held on June 5, 1959
at Church.

Mr + Mrs Raymond Smith
[illegible] Follett
Lois Follett
[illegible] Follett

Mrs Harry E Brooks

Eleanor Smith
George Jones, Jr.
Edward Corrigan

[illegible] M S Beaton

Ruth E. Smith
Carol Fisher
Lloyd C Arnold
Gertrude B Arnold
Bessie J. Erwin
[illegible] M. Faber
Elsie M. Faber
[illegible] Faber
Eleanor Maury
Wilma [illegible]
Eunice Strobel
Fenton Strobel
Ella [illegible]
Leona Erwin
Pelina Fisher
Lester R. Faber
Louise Corrigan
Kathy Corrigan
Melita L. [illegible]
Marion [illegible] Ross
Frank J. Ross
[illegible] Smith
Kerry Smith
Carolyn Smith
Carleton Aldrich
Donald Ross

A program of music, a violin solo, choir selections, talk by Geo. Jones - a picture (film) "The Bible on the Table".

1-2-59 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. First Month 2, 1959.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The Report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $226.3 on hand in General Fund.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Richard McNamara, Bessie Ester, Christmas cards sent to Addie Paine, Lila Smith and Richard McNamara.

George Jones Jr. and Sunshine Committee chairman made a Christmas call on Addie Paine and Lila Smith leaving each a box of candy. Each week a church program and a radio program have been sent to them.

The Annual Report of the Sunshine Committee is as follows: Get Well cards sent 22, valentines 7 sympathy 6, birthday cards to those 80 or over 2, Easter 4, baby congratulation 1, Christmas cards 3. Total cards sent 45, two Christmas boxes.

Every week there has been a church program with a Radio Sermon sent to shut-ins. About five programs have been sent out during the year to members who have been absent for several Sundays. As stated in the monthly report two of the shutins received boxes of candy from the callers mentioned at Christmas time.

Christmas Greetings from the Yankee Doodle Shop & from the Society of Brothers were read.

A letter of thanks from the Yacht Phoenix for our contribution to the Defense Fund is read.

An invitation to attend R.I. Quarterly Meeting to be held in Providence January 17 & 18 has been received with the program: Meeting for Worship at 10:30 followed by Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, Covered dish luncheon, Business Meeting and Discussion - Pendle Hill - Jane Foster, Mars Hill-Gea.

Topic - "Our Message and Outreach" ↑ -

1-2-59 Jones, Jr. Beacon Hill, Margaret Klentzberg Woolman Hill - Russell Brooks Supper at 6:15 at Lincoln School for one dollar ($1) Reservations to be made not later than Jan. 13 for supper and overnight entertainment. The clerk is to acknowledge the invitation hoping that some of our group may attend.

The Chairman of Caretakers reports necessary repairs made during year and furnace fixed. They are authorized to have a new casing for hall window & to get prices on storm windows for side windows.

The Finance Committee submits the Budget for 1959 which was approved

Minister's salary	$2000
Janitor's "	240
Fuel, light, water for Mtg. House	400
" " " telephone for Parsonage	500
Insurance	325
United Budget	500
Repairs & anticipated painting two bldgs	1500
Total	$5465
Income from Invested Funds	565
Amount to be raised	$4900

The report of the Nominating Committee accepted and the following Officers & Committees approved. Vacancies not filled referred to this Committee for completion.

Clerk - Melita B. Fisher
Asst. Clerk - Bessie F. Ewen
Treasurer - Nellie M. Fisher
Asst Treasurer - Lester R. Taber
Correspondent - Mae B. Todd
Elders - for 1959 - Melita B. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Russel J. Ross, Lester R. Taber
For 1960 - Joseph C. Estes, Grace E. McNamara, Bessie F. Ewen
For 1961 - Ruth Smith, Henrietta A. Pendleton, Mae B.

1-2-59 Todd, Nellie M. Fisher

Committees.

Finance - Russel J. Ross, Nellie M. Fisher, Walter Symes, Kenneth Smith, Kenneth Stroebel, Lester R. Taber

Caretakers - Marion G. Ross, Lauriston Smith, Louise Taber, Louise Corrigan, Lester R. Taber,

Ushers - Lauriston Smith, Robert Taber, Donald Ross, Kerry Smith.

Relief and Sunshine - Henrietta A. Pendleton, Leona Ewen, Louise Corrigan.

Missionary, ~~Relief~~ Stewardship & Christian Education - Nellie Fisher Lloyd C. Arnold Etta Pendleton, Robert Mowry.

Senior Young People's Activities - George Jones, jr., Marion Ross, Laura Follett, Ruth Smith

Junior Activities - Lois Follett, Beverly Taber Beatrice Mowry, Shirley Worrall.

Cemeteries - Mapleville & Woonsocket - Joseph C. Estes, Doris P. Mowry, Battye Ewen, Carleton Aldrich.

East Blackstone - Russel J. Ross, Leslie Follett, Ernest Smith

Music - Lloyd C. Arnold, George Jones, Jr, Ruth Smith (Mrs. Ernest) Carolyn Smith, Melita B. Fisher

Peace & Social Concerns - George Jones, Jr, Ann De Nevers, Lloyd C. Arnold

Flower - Nellie M. Fisher, Louise Taber, Laura Follett, Wilma Smith, Ann Aldrich, Eleanor Smith.

Investment (to serve until replaced) Russel J. Ross. Nellie M. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Lester R. Taber

Woonsocket Council Church Women Representatives

Monthly Meeting Ladies Aid - Ruth Smith

A letter was read from Grace Dyiato asking for a transfer of membership to St. James Episcopal Church. As she has not been in attendance here for some time, with regret the request is granted & will be so notified. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] membership

George Jones, Jr. reports that copies of "The Quaker Message is now out of print, Elton Trueblood's

1-2-59 book has been ordered (2 copies)

The following were named a Nominating Committee for 1959 - Kenneth Strobel, Wilma Smith, Nellie M. Fisher, Ernest Smith

Unanimous approval is given to the suggestion of having a bulletin of the Annual Reports.

We wish to record that in our Sunday School 30 thirty pairs of mittens were contributed, 24 of them knit and contributed by Mrs. Mary Dickie, a member of this Meeting aged eighty-six. The Clerk is asked to write her a note of appreciation.

It is suggested that the Christian Education Committee of this Meeting cooperate with officers & teachers of Sunday School giving any assistance possible.

George Jones, Jr thanked the Meeting for cards and a gift received at Christmas time.

The clerk expressed appreciation for her Christmas gift.

The Officers and Committees were commended for their work during the year. The hope was expressed that more might be accomplished in 1959.

No further business appearing we conclude

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

'59 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. January 30, 1959.

The Assistant Clerk being absent, Lloyd C. Arnold is appointed to serve.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance in General Fund of $318.76

The Sunshine Committee reports a Get Well card sent to Louise Corrigan - a wedding congratulation card to Gail + Philip Arnold.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer is received, having been audited and is approved. It is recorded as follows.

Balance on hand in General Fund Dec. 31, 1957	$262.54	
On hand for Missionary Committee	$ 50.00	
	312.54	
Receipts:		
Collections	$2757.38	
United Budget	235.02	
Special collection for United Budget	47.25	
" " " 5 Years Meeting	16.25	
From Invested Funds	661.60	
From Ladies Aid	100.00	$4009.24
Miscellaneous Income	191.74	
	4321.78	

Expenses:	
Pastor's salary	$2000.00
Janitor's	240.00
F. Warren Howe, Treasurer	
United Budget	235.02
Special collections	63.50
Oil for heating meetinghouse	275.41
" " " parsonage	304.18
Electricity + water for meetinghouse	77.41
" " telephone for parsonage	206.14

1-30-'59	Insurance - meetinghouse + parsonage	$245.70
	Contributions	55.00
	Miscellaneous expenditures	$ 265.66
		3968.02
	Balance on hand	353.76
	Balance on hand in General Fund Dec. 31, 1958	318.76
	On hand for Missionary Committee	25.00
	" " " Peace + Soc. Concerns Com.	10.00
		353.76

Respectfully submitted
Signed - Nellie M. Fisher, Treas.

The Report of the Investment Committee is received audited, approved + is as follows:

$100.00	Nancy Inman Fund	- income only our meeting			
1000.00	Abbie M. Harris	" " "			
2948.17	James Pitts Memorial	" " "			$2957.62
400.00	- C. B + R. B. Brown	" " "			
5000.00	- Dency A. Wilbur	" " "			
331.14	- Isabel Read	" " "			
1000.00	- M. + A. Walling	" " "			R.I.H.T. #47136 1045.68
400.00	- H. Southwick	income	bldg., cemetery + fence		
200.00	- Nelson Taft	"	for repair of Mtg. House		
331.14	- James S. Read	"	" S. School	43.21	W.I. F00961 374.35
190.01	- A. + A. Cranston	"	" " " missions	$100.71	R.I.H.T. #28307 290.72
100.00	- G. Pinkham	"	" flower Com.	28.34	R.I.H.T. #6290 128.34
35.51	- E. S. Aldrich	"	" needy women	54.63	R.I.H.T. #13075 19.12
500.00	- Andrew Comstock	"	E.B. Mtg. house, cemetery	376.52	W. Inst. #50014 876.52
500.00	Avis B. Steere	After 25 yrs for our Mtg. Dated 8/31/45			
25.00	- Woonsocket Cemetery	- Upkeep of our cemetery			
100.00	Mapleville	" income "	" Mapleville "	195.69	295.69
13160.97	Funds held in trust				
763.59	Int. " " "				
$13924.56	Total " " "				

Bought at Woon. Instit. for Sav. #66439			4523.92	
51 Irving Trust Co. N.Y. ([illegible]) at 38.5			539	
13 Prov. Wash	32 "	" $22\frac{1}{4}$	712	111.35
$37\frac{1}{4}$ 2nd Nat'l Bk Prov.	43	$49\frac{1}{4}$	2117.75	
$63\frac{1}{2}$ 1st Nat'l Bk. Boston	22	$82\frac{1}{4}$	1809.50	

1-30-59	Bought at 93	2-$1000 U.S. Tr. Bds (2½ of 1967-72)	$852.4	$1704.50	$50 —
	60	1 $1000 N.Y. Putnam R.R.Co. Bds (4% of 1993)	61⅜	613.75	40 —
	87	1 $1000 Am. T + T Bd. 2¾ of 4/1/82	78	780.00	27.50
		Plantations Bd. of R.I. (ctf. of deposit		2150.00	64.50
Value of Funds				20974.27	661.60
Less total int. held in trust				13924.56	
Amount available for use of Mtg. 12/31/58				$7049.71	

Approved 1/23/59 by

Russell J. Rose, Lloyd C. Arnold, Nellie M. Bisho

The Clerk and assistant Clerk are appointed to prepare the Statistical Report.

An announcement of seminars to be held in Washington D.C for High School Young (People) Friends has been received from the Board of Christian Education of the Five Years Meeting.

A statement regarding the finances of the Five Years Meeting is read.

Calendars and a book entitled "We Who Would not Kill" ~~is~~ are available for $1.25 and $3 respectively from one of the crew of the Golden Rule. This literature is placed in the hands of Peace & Social Service Committee

The Chairman of Caretakers' Committee has been granted permission to paint or have painted the hall and ante room at a future date, not yet determined.

George Jones Jr reports that the Young People's Activity Committee (Sr) has met and the first meeting is scheduled for February 1, at 6 p.m.

A bill is being introduced in Congress to extend the draft law for four years. George Jones Jr urges us to contact our Congressmen ~~of~~ asking them to oppose the continuance of this law. We approve of this Meeting sending a telegram to our (Congressman, ~~Aime Forand~~ Carl Vinson)

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Monthly Treasury.

No further business appearing we adjourn.

[illegible] Melita B. Fisher

3-3-'59 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. March 3, 1959, postponed from Feb. 27-

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of Treasurer shows a balance of $192.50 in General Fund.

The Sunshine Committee reports a baby card sent to Mr & Mrs Leslie Cailloutte, a Get Well card to Crystal Bates, valentines and sermons sent to Addie Paine & Lela Smith

The committee appointed to prepare the Statistical Report presents the following. A copy will be sent to Quarterly Meeting.

The Clerk reports that a telegram was sent from this Meeting to Carl Vinson, Chairman Armed Services Committee House of Rep. urging the defeat of the bill (H.R. 2260) to extend the draft for four years.

A letter from "The American Friend" has been read, urging us to secure new subscribers in each local meeting. A five months trial is available for $1.

Announcement of the Third National Conference of Quaker Men is at hand - date May 2-6 - place Springfield Friends Meeting, High Point, N.C.

A letter from Sandy Spring School Committee, Sandy Spring, Md. announces a new Friends Boarding School which needs our moral and financial help. We can only give moral support.

The Honorable Aime Forand
House of Representatives Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

The Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends in session January 30, 1959 at Woonsocket, Rhode Island is disturbed that the Armed Services Committee has recommended a four-year extension of the present draft law. We strongly urge that you vote against this bill (H.R. 2260) and make every effort to secure its defeat.

Melita B. Fisher, Clerk

Telegram, January 30, 1959

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Statistics for Smithfield Monthly Meeting for 1958

PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All Monthly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.

	Particular Meetings			Totals
1. Number of Members last year,	115			
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,	0			
3. Additions by Birth,	0			
4. Additions by Request,	0			
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,	1			
6. Additions by Letter from another Denomination,	0			
7. Total Additions,	1			
8. Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,	0			
9. Loss by Death,	1			
10. Loss by Disownment,	0			
11. Loss by Resignation,	1			
12. Loss by Discontinuance,	14			
13. Loss by Certificate to Another Friends Meeting,	1			
14. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,	0			
15. Total Loss,	17			
16. Number of Members this year,	99			
17. Net Gain,	0			
18. Net Loss,	16			
19. Number of Males,	41			
20. Number of Females,	58			
21. Number under 21 years of age,	17			
22. Number of Associate Members,	19			
23. Number of Associate Members Transferred to Active Membership,	0			
24. Number of Resident Members,	74			
25. Number of Non-Resident Members,	25			
26. NUMBER OF ADULT RESIDENT MEMBERS,	51			
27. AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY WORSHIP (ESTIMATE),	35 appr.			

PROVE ALL FIGURES AND TOTALS AS SUGGESTED BELOW.

3-3-'59 An announcement of the spring Meeting of the Executive Council of Five Years Meeting at Richmond, Ind, Mar 20 & 21 is at hand. The accompanying program will be placed on the bulletin.

A letter from Lewis R. Moody, Ch. of China Camp Committee, makes an appeal for bldg funds for two new bunks at the Camp. We approve of sending ten dollars ($10) for this cause.

A letter from A.F.S.C. tells us of 2,000,000 refugees in the world. Two questions we are asked to answer.
1. Will your Meeting be able to sponsor an Indonesian family?
2. Would your Meeting like more information on the world wide refugee and migration picture? We regret that we are unable to give any help in this matter.

A letter from Harold Chance of the A.F.S.C. asks us to write our President and Secretary of State concerning the issue of nuclear testing under discussion in Geneva, Switzerland. We approve of the Meeting sending letters when we know the appropriate time.

A brochure of Wilmington College in Wilmington, Ohio is at hand, also one of Lincoln School.

3 pieces of material from Milton Hadley and Leonard Hall have been received which should be of interest. More is available without cost. George Jones Jr has sent for the material he thinks useful here.

A letter from Robert Lyon, Exec. Sec of A.F.S.C. has been read. He has recently returned from Cuba & is willing to speak to interested Friends about the island and its needs.

A letter from Barbara L. Rhodes has been read. She asks that her membership be transferred to the First Universalist Church in Woonsocket. The Meeting

3-3-59 of Ministry and Counsel, with regret, recommend that this request be granted. The Clerk is asked to send the transfer When acknowledged her name will be taken from our records. She has been a loyal member whom we shall miss.

The Nominating Committee requests that the Missionary Committee be made a separate Committee composed of Mae B. Todd, H.A. Pendleton, Eleanor Mowry, Wilma Smith and Lona Ewen. This request is granted.

We have a request for the use of the Church, March 30, for the wedding of our pastor, George Jones, Jr. and Flora Rink. We are happy to grant this request and certainly wish them much happiness.

We are united in granting George Jones, Jr. absence on April 6. It is suggested that Robert Lyon might be available for that date in the Meeting for Worship. The matter of arrangement is left to George Jones, Jr.

A letter asking that a special offering for United Budget be taken at Easter has been read. Plans have been made to take a special offering for the use of the local Meeting.

Myron Ross, chairman of Caretakers reports that aluminum storm windows can be purchased for ($25) twenty-five dollars each. Lester Taber is appointed to find out if this is a seasonal or special price.

Bessie Ewen reports that her daughter Sue appreciat the baby card sent from the Meeting.

Our business being completed we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

3-27-59 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. March 27, 1959.

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Kenneth Strobel was appointed to serve.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $15.20 in General Fund with outstanding bills of $111.75 to N.E. Coal Co. $100.10 for New Window (Henry Demers)

The Sunshine Committee reported Get Well cards sent to Ann Aldrich, Beverly Faber, Ruth Perron, Ruth Hirst, Sympathy card to Marion & Russel Ross, Baby card to Stuart and Ruby Smith, Easter card to Addie G. Paine & Lena J. Smith, to whom programs & a sermon have been sent each week. Marion Ross thanked the Meeting for card sent at the time of her father's death.

A letter from Chester C. Smith enclosing a blank for data on location and value of Church property has been received. Russel Ross has obtained the required information regarding E. Blackstone property. Joseph C. Estes has been asked to do the same on cemetery property in Harrisville. As way opens Lloyd C. Arnold will obtain information on the property located here. A sub-committee of the Permanent Board of N.E. Yearly Meeting is asking for this information.

A letter from the Executive Council of the Five Years Meeting asks each Meeting to increase their giving to United Budget to help on the cut of $28,550 necessarily made on last year.

A letter from the Executive Secretary of Friends World Committee has been read, telling us of new Meetings recently organized and inviting us to share in welding together the family of Friends by our interest and support.

3-27-59 A letter from Milton Hadley with a leaflet regarding the C. O. & the R.O.T.C. is at hand. Other copies may be obtained on request. This leaflet lists schools and colleges which do and those who do not exempt C.O.'s from R.O.T.C. military service. It is much more difficult to obtain C.O. status if R.O.T.C. training has been taken. This leaflet will be placed in the hands of Peace & Social Concerns Committee for future reference.

The Queries are read and time given for their consideration. We appoint Russel Ross, Lester R. Taber, Melita B. Fisher, Marion Ross, Ruth Smith, Kenneth Smith, Doris P. Mowry, Lauriston Smith as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting in Worcester, Mass. on April 18, 1959.

The report on State of Society, also called Spiritual Report of the Meeting has been received from the Committee appointed in Meeting of Ministry and Counsel. A copy with a few changes will be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting Clerk.

An invitation to teachers, members of the Religious Society of Friends, to attend a conference on "Student Attitudes and Quaker Concerns in Education Today" has been received from Woolman Hill April 10-12 - Cost $10 -

A letter has been received from Robert A. Lyon in answer to George Jones' request to be guest speaker on April 5. He will be glad to attend, the matter of compensation left to the Meeting. Entertainment will be necessary for the noon meal. We approve of $15 being given him for services with loose collection on that date for the work in Cuba.

In reply to a letter sent to Louis Marstaller in regard to a pastor to succeed George Jones, Jr., a telephone message informed us of a young married man expecting to attend Hartford Theological School who is interested in the situation here. Early in April he expects to be in New England and will try to contact Lloyd Arnold, Chairman of Ministry & Counsel, or some other member of the Meeting.

3-27-'59 A letter from Wayne Carter, Youth secretary of Youth Department of Five Years Meeting tells of the need of rehabilitation in Cuba A Work Camp is to be established July 1 to Aug. 14 with David O. Stanfield, pastor of Springfield Meeting at High Point, N.C. and Elohim Ajo, pastor at Banes, Cuba as Directors. Funds are needed to carry on the work + keep on expenses of workers. Contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Lloyd C. Arnold is appointed to contact Robert Cunningham, Head Master of Moses Brown School in regard to teachers who might be interested in serving as part time pastors beginning September 1st.

Marion Ross, chairman of Caretakers reports that the storm windows mentioned at our last Meeting for $25 were only half windows. We are to keep the matter in mind, to be considered before another winter.

As the subject of "Sacraments" will be considered at the Yearly Meeting Ministry & Council Meeting, we were asked to discuss the matter in our Monthly Meeting which was done. The following Minute was approved. We, as a Monthly Meeting are satisfied to continue as at present without the use of Sacraments At the same time respecting the opinions of those who believe otherwise.

The Quaker, a publication from Moses Brown School is at hand and will be placed on Bulletin board

No further business appearing we adjourn
8 members present. Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

59 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I., April 24, 1959.
The Minutes of the last Meeting are read

The Treasurers Report shows a balance of $639.4 on hand in General Fund with outstanding bills of $90.93 to N.E. Coal Co. + $231.07 to R.P. Smith + Son. Insurance Co.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Irene Owen, Ruth Smith, Birthday card to Mae B. Todd. Church programs + sermons sent each week to Addie S.P. + Lila Smith

An invitation to a dinner at Lincoln School in recognition of its 75th anniversary and of Miss Cole's retirement on May 8, at 7:30 is read. Address by Dr. Douglas V. Steere. Reservation must be made by May 4th - tickets $3.50

Our Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that five attended.

In connection with Lincoln School, a letter from Katherine Briggs reminds us that N.E. Friends having expressed increased concern for Yearly Meeting schools, suggests that this is an opportune time to show our interest by our contribution toward the needs of school mentioned in the letter. It is suggested that the Clerk send a letter from the Meeting to Marion Cole expressing appreciation for valuable service given to the Lincoln School for many years. The Meeting also approves of sending $5 toward the needs of the school.

A letter from Winifred Barrett, Director High School Program, sponsored by A.F.S.C. has been read announcing High School Institute one at West Rindge, N.H. July 1-22 (Work Camp) the at Friendly Crossways Aug. 21-27

Friends World Committee announces a new study

4-24-'59 booklet called "The Contribution of the Quaker Faith to the Healing of a Divided World." Price 50cts.

A letter from Stanley Potter on the General Equilization Fund Committee of Yearly Mtg. asks our generous support. Young Friends and Juniors will be granted $15.25 each on an application signed by Clerk of Monthly Meeting - total cost $25.25. $10 was donated to the Fund.

The Friends Missionary Report is to be made out in triplicate and sent to Amy S. Hayden by May 10th. This information will be furnished by the Monthly Meeting Missionary Committee.

Leonard R. Hall sends a leaflet "Do You Know Where Our Five Years' Meeting United Service Dollars Go" which may be ~~purchased~~ secured without charge for each family. Another leaflet giving information on Christian Hills is enclosed. We approve of sending for twenty-five leaflets regarding the Budget.

A Roll Call and A Family Sunday are suggested for observance at two different times. George Jones, Jr is asked to send invitations to a Family Sunday service. The Christian Education is appointed to arrange a Roll Call Supper. All members to be contacted. If impossible to be present they will be asked to give a response.

Lloyd Arnold reports that Gerald Reece did not come to Woonsocket because Hartford people had discouraged him; thinking it was too great a distance to travel. The clerk will write Gerald Reece telling him we are interested in his wishes in regard to this. Members of Meeting of Ministry and Counsel are asked to contact the Minister's Committee of the Five Years Meeting, Boston University, Thomas Fisher & Andover Theological School.

No further business we adjourn. M. B. Fisher, clerk

5-29-'59 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fifth Month 29, 1959.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $47.86 in General Fund with outstanding bills of $162,96 to N.E. Coal Co, $231.67 to R.P. Smith + Son. The Finance Committee suggests that $150 be taken from Reserve Fund to clear up unpaid bills. This is approved by the Meeting.

The Sunshine Committee reports a Get Well card sent to Ann Aldrich (sent) Programs were sent the Hirst Family, Nolie Ewen, Addie Paine + Lila Smith. The last two were also sent sermons.

A delayed letter from Henry H. Schooley, pastor of the Universalist Church informs us that Barbara Rhodes was received into membership of that church in March. Her name therefore, will be taken from our list.

A letter has been received from E. Howard Dickey asking that his name and that of his son David be removed from our membership as they have united with the Woodlawn Baptist Church in Pawtucket. While we regret doing this, we are happy to know they are joining a church of their choice, nearer their home.

A letter from Gertrude Smith, chairman of a Committee appointed by Ministry and Counsel (to) informs us that at Yearly Meeting a discussion on Friends' Views and the Sacraments will be held. She gives some reasons for the discussions. We considered the matter in Third Month and the Minute was recorded.

A letter from Frances T. Gove, Chairman of Christian Education Committee for N.E. Yearly Meeting announces a Christian Education Workers' Conference to be held at Richmond, Ind. July 26-31.

5-29-59 A letter from Mercer Street Friends Center, Trenton, N. J., telling of a Summer Project on Urban Problems and Neighborhood Rehabilitation. Volunteers between ages 18-35 are needed July 27-Aug. 24. Maintenance provided with $50 at end of season.

A letter from Pearl S. Buck urges us to join the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Albert Schweitzer recipient of Nobel Peace Award in 1952 says, quote "You must never cease from warning against the danger of atomic experiments. There are people who do not care. How is this possible?"

A letter of thanks from Alfred Buckley, Campaign Chairman for our contribution to Lincoln School League has been read.

Letters concerning activities of Quaker Men are available which will be placed on Bulletin.

A leaflet from the Society of Brothers, Farmington, Pa. gives prices of articles for sale, made of wood from Paraguay.

An invitation to attend Closing Exercises at Lincoln School, ~~January~~ June 4, at 3:30 has been received. Elizabeth Gray Vining will be the speaker.

A letter from Merritt Murphy, editor of American Friend is anxious that more Friends become acquainted with our church paper, The American Friend. Two plans are offered reducing the cost of regular subscription.

As Yearly Meeting will be in session, the date of our regular Monthly Meeting, it seems desirable to defer the Meeting to Tuesday June 30. It has been customary to omit the regular Meeting for Worship, when Yearly Meeting is in Session but as many of our members will not attend Yearly Meeting, George

5-29-'59 Jones Jr. has consented to have Morning Worship here as usual.

Members of Meeting of Ministry and Counsel report that letters regarding the securing of a pastor have been sent to the Five Years Meeting, Boston University and Gerald Reece with no success. The Five Years Meeting gave names of persons in various Quarterly Meetings who might be able to help us. These persons (names) will be contacted,

A letter from William Bacon Evans announces for sale, a biography entitled Jonathan Evans + His Time 1759-1839, well illustrated, edited by his great-grandson.

George Jones Jr. has the approval of this Meeting, to invite Yusef Ibesh of the Moslem Religion to be our guest at the Meeting for Worship sometime in the near future.

We are glad to have Lois Follett with us at this time.

There is a possibility that Beverly Follett, Priscilla Follett and Kevin Smith may attend Yearly Meeting. If they apply for help from the Equalization Fund, we approve.

[illegible] members

Melita B. Fisher, clerk

6-30-59 Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R I Sixth Month 30, 1959.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read at this postponed Monthly Meeting.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $91.66 in general treasury.

The Sunshine Committee reports cards sent to Addie G. Paine + Lela Smith on Shut-In-Sunday.

6-30-59 a baby congratulation card to Kenneth + Eunice Strobel, a Miss You card to Morwenna Tellier, a Get Well and Birthday card to Edith Mowry. Sermon and programs to Mr + Mrs. Hirst, Morwenna Tellier, Ann Aldrich, Addie Paine + Lila Smith

A letter from the Phoenix Defense Fund regarding the beliefs of the Reynold's family is at hand. Contributions are invited.

A letter from Harold Chance regarding nuclear weapons is read. We approve of this material being given the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns for their action

Announcement of the Avon Institute at Geneva St. Camp, Winnipesaukee, N.H. Aug. 1-8 is made. The Service Committee will provide some scholarship aid. It is hoped many will attend.

In addition to letters read, we have requests for money for Tibetan refugees, South African Defense Fund, The American Indian Fund, Friends Committee on National Legislation, a periodical "Sharing our Quaker Faith", Freedom House Book Shelf. All worthy causes. They will be posted on bulletin.

The Queries are read and we appoint Lloyd C. Arnold, George Jones, Jr., Melita B. Fisher, others who may attend as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting in Sturbridge Village, Mass at the Bolton Meeting House on July 18, 1959.

Different members of Ministry and Counsel have written letters to many Yearly Meeting clerks, have conferred with Field Secretary, Louis Marstellar regarding a pastor. The letters have brought no results. Louis Marstellar told us of a member of Providence Meeting, Robert Cool who was interested in pastoral work, also of a Mr Griffin, a former

6-30-'59 pastor in Worcester, Mass. who will be available in Sept. George Jones, Jr. suggested Gregory Harrison as a prospective candidate. He is attending Harvard Divinity School at present.

As George Jones, Jr. terminates his service with us early in September, the matter of vacation will be determined at our Meeting in July.

We approve of continuing Meeting for Worship during the summer. The matter of changing the hour from 11 a.m. to 10 a.m. during July, August and Labor Day Sunday was presented and approved by the Meeting.

A Representative of Yearly Meeting informed us that we were to pay fifty cents each for our Minutes of Yearly Meeting this year.

Meeting adjourned to meet at call of the Clerk, if the need arises.

10 present Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

7-31-59 At an adjourned Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. July 31st, 1959

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.
In absence of Asst. Clerk Doris P. Murray is appointed to serve.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $56.99 in General Fund with all bills paid.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting in Sturbridge Mass. report that all attended.

The Meeting of Ministry and Counsel recommends that the month of August be given our pastor after Aug. 1 for vacation. This is approved.

7-21-59 The Meeting of Ministry and Council recommend that the names of Paul, Laura, Dorothy, Paula, Paul and Carl Hu stead be taken from our records, also that of Alson Enos. We approve of the recommendation feeling that it is for the best interests of the Meeting.

A letter from George Scherer, Administrative Secretary of American Friends' Board for Missions tells the need of money and workers. The Urgent Need sheet will be posted as requested.

The recommendation of Yearly Meeting Finance Committee giving the proposed budget, suggesting that we should think in terms of ten dollars ($10) per member has been read. We are also reminded that Yearly Meeting Minutes will be sold at a cost of fifty cents each.

Letters from Normal Nutt, Plainfield, Ind., George Badgley, New York Yearly Meeting, George [illegible] have been read in answer to our search for a part time pastor, without result.

A letter from Lester & Louise Tober requesting the use of the Meeting House for the marriage of their daughter, Beverly, to Mr Warren S. Rowe on Saturday, November 14, 1959 has been read. This request is unanimously granted.

We welcome Ralph Cook at our Meeting this evening, a member of West Branch Meeting, Iowa. We unite in asking him to act as supply pastor Aug 9th. Robert McCue will supply Aug. 16th. The clerk is to contact Gregory Harrison as supply for Aug. 23, announcement of supply for Aug. 30 will be made at a later date.

Doris P. Moseley spoke in regard to further use of the E. Blackstone Meeting House as requested by the E. Blackstone Quaker Organization. The matter was to be considered at the end of five years which is this year. It is suggested that the Cemetery Committee, the Cooperating Committee and

7-31-59 the East Blackstone Committee meet here at our regular Monthly Meeting in September, to talk matter over.

We approve of a Meeting in August being held at the call of the Clerk if necessary.

Russell Ross presents a picture of Insurance on our Church property which by some is thought to be too high. He suggests that other companies be contacted as to rates. He will contact Factory Mutual. When information is at hand a conference with R.P. Smith Co will be held to see if any adjustment is possible.

Ralph Cook of Iowa, who is to work in R.I. has asked if the parsonage will be available for rent. As future plans are unsettled, we do not feel free to rent at this time. If a future pastor does not need the parsonage, we approve of renting it. In that case, Ralph Cook will have first refusal. $60 a month is suggested as rental.

9 members
1 visitor

Our business being accomplished, we conclude.

Nelita B. Fisher, clerk

9-25-'59 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. September 25, 1959.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.
The Treasurer reports $60.32 in General Fund as of August 30th.

The Sunshine Committee reports a Get Well card sent to Mrs Brindle, programs when available + sermons sent to shut ins

A letter from the pastor of Globe Congregational Church Rev. Robert W. Le Vitre, Jr informs us that Mrs Lucy Matheson requests a letter of transfer from this Meeting to theirs. The request is granted with regret.

9-25-59 As Smithfield Quarterly Meeting is to be held here on Oct 17, the Queries are read and considered and we appoint the following Representatives to attend - Lester Taber, Eleanor Mowry, Lauriston Smith, Eunice Strobel, Kenneth Strobel, Wylma Smith. Bessie Ewen is named Chairman of Supper Committee, choosing others of her choice to assist.

An announcement of a Political Education Seminar at the U.N. Oct. 26-28 has been read

A pamphlet concerning a new Friends School at Sandy Spring, Md is at hand. Any support we may give will be appreciated

Russel Ross reports that Factory Mutual does not insure Churches. Eleanor Mowry reports that an (adjustor) from Providence Mutual with a Representative from R.P. Smith & Son, Insurance Office inspected the Church building (with the) and find it possible to insure with the Mutual Company. A detailed report will be given at a later date.

An invitation to attend the Installation of Mary Louise Schaffner as Head Mistress of Lincoln School has been received. The date October 6th at 3 p.m.

Five interested members from the East Blackstone Quaker Organization attended our Monthly Meeting as suggested at our July Meeting. They are interested in purchasing the East Blackstone property but according to Faith & Practice this matter would have to be decided by Yearly Meeting. For Five Years this group has held meetings, repaired Meeting House, kept grounds in condition, living up to their agreement in every way. We are willing as a Meeting for them to have the use of property indefinitely on the same terms as heretofore. Some of the group wish to consider the matter of purchase further and will advise us later as to their decision.

The Meeting of Ministry and Counsel. commend that Robert N. Cool, a member of Providence Monthly Meeting be

9-25-'59 invited to continue with us, as our pastor, for the next eight months at a salary of $30 a week. We approve the recommendation and the Clerk is to notify him of our action. This committee recommends that until such time as needed, the parsonage be rented. Ralph Cook who had first refusal, having placed the children in school, feels that it is unwise to make a change at this time, even though the Meeting decided that $30 a month was adequate rent.

Since the parsonage is available, we approve of renting to Beverly Tober, who is soon to marry Warren S. Rowe, asking $30 a month with the understanding that repairs would be made by tenants. In case of a resident minister, one month's notice will be given tenant.

The caretakers will make the necessary arrangements for storing parsonage furnishings. Expense involved in moving furniture will be borne by the Meeting. Caretakers may set price on stove + refrigerator if tenants wish to purchase.

A letter from Milton Hadley referring to speeches by Nikita Krushchev on total disarmament feels that it opens a door of opportunity. He urges us to write our President + Secretary of State commending them on the invitation and visit of Krushchev asking that this matter of disarmament be discussed by the heads of state and that our President express publicly his interest and belief in such disarmament. We encourage our members to write, we approve of a letter being sent from the Meeting to both men mentioned

In another letter from Milton Hadley for Board on Stewardship and Finance, he mentions that the theme for November Stewardship Emphasis is "His Love - My Response. Nov. 15 is suggested as a possible date for a special offering for United Services of Five Years Meeting. Upon request offering envelopes + bulletin covers for Thanksgiving will be sent - those for Nov. 15 will be forwarded. This matter is left to the Finance Committee.

The Peace Committee is to be consulted about observing Oct. 25 as U.N. Day. At this time we are asked to spend sometime in prayer for our President and

9-25-'59 leaders of all nations. November 8th is another day of "peace observance." This is referred to Robert N. Cool.

On request, a 1960 Visual Aid catalogue will be sent. This information is referred to Lloyd Arnold

At our July Meeting we were told that the Historical Society would like to help clear the old cemetery. Our cemetery Committee was notified + a survey was made. Our Meeting will appreciate any help the Historical Society may give but we feel that our Cemetery Committee should confer with (them) Hist. Soc. informing them that we have only twenty-five dollars available for this work.

In a letter from James Byrne, Pres. of Historical Society he encloses a card asking if we are interested in having plaques on buildings giving year of construction between 1700 + 1800. We are interested, but as our Meeting House in not the original we question our right to have one placed on the building. This will be a matter of decision for Historical Society after explaining that the original date was 1719.

No further business appearing, we adjourn.

Melita B Fisher, clerk.

10-30-'59 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Tenth Month 30, 1959.

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk, Russel Ross is appointed to serve

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The Treasurer reported $42.88 in General Fund with all bills paid

The Sunshine Committee reports a Get Well card sent to Lester Taber and a Cheer card to Mae B. Todd. Programs + sermons to Addie Paine, Lila Smith and the Brindle family.

Our Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all but one attended + he was ill.

10-30-'59 In reply to a letter sent Robert Cool, we have received a letter from him accepting our invitation to remain with us for the next eight months, as our pastor.

The Annual Report from Woolman Hill is at hand with a covering letter by Russell Brooks. This report will be placed on Bulletin Board.

An invitation to attend a covered dish supper on Tuesday, Nov. 3 at Providence Friends Meeting House has been received. Sumner Mills, Clerk of the Five Years' Meeting, and a member of Mission Board will be the speaker. He has traveled extensively for A. F. S. C., believing in service and missions.

The Meeting of Ministry and Counsel recommend that Shirley Horrall be received into membership with Friends as requested. We accept this recommendation & are happy to have Shirley join with us trusting that our fellowship together may be of mutual benefit. The matter of public recognition is referred to Robert Cool.

A letter from Ruth Trimble, Clerk of Overseers of Middletown Friends Meeting, Lima, Pa. gives us the name of Ann Balderston attending Dean Junior College in Franklin, Mass. who would appreciate having members of this Meeting visit Ann and invite her to worship with us. The pastor & Clerk have written her & trust that we may soon make her acquaintance.

We approve of having a reception for Robert N. Cool at his convenience. The Clerk is instructed to confer with him in regard to a suitable time. Louise Corrigan is appointed chairman of a committee to make arrangements for the reception, selecting others as helpers.

No further business appearing, we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

1-27-59 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I., Eleventh Month 27, 1959.

The Minutes of last meeting are read

The Treasurer reports $214.79 on hand in General Fund with all current bills paid.

The Sunshine Committee reports Sympathy cards sent to Mrs. Robert Cool and Mrs. Herbert Sawyer whose mothers recently died. A Get Well card was sent Mae B. Todd.
Robert Cool wished their appreciation expressed to the Monthly Meeting and others who sent cards at the time of Mrs. Cool's mother's death.

The Nominating Committee is reminded that names of officers, committees and elders should be presented at our next meeting.

A notice from War Resisters League offers peace calendars for sale at $1.25 each. They contain interesting information on peace + non-violence.

A request from the Committee for Non-Violent Action for funds to help protest testing of A-bombs in Sahara Desert as France is attempting is at hand. Since receiving this request the (bombing) testing has been deferred.

Eleanor Mowry presented the matter of Insurance to the Meeting, which is referred to the Finance Committee (meeting) with Eleanor conferring with them. A report to be presented at our next meeting.

Removal certificates for Ralph and Jane Cook, active Iza and James Estes associate members from West Branch Monthly Meeting, Iowa have been received. We are happy to receive them into membership with us. The clerk will acknowledge the receipt of these certificates.

11-27-'59 Lloyd C. Arnold, chairman of Music Committee informed the Meeting that Marilyn Desrosiers had been engaged as organist at $.5 a week. This report was approved by the Meeting.

No further business appearing we adjourn.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

12-29-59 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Dec. 29th having been deferred from

6 present Dec. 25th

In the absence of the Asst. Clerk, Kenneth Strobel is appointed pro tem.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $299.25 on hand in General Fund

The report of the Sunshine Committee for December lists 4 Get Well cards, 1 Sympathy card sent. The Committee visited 5 shut-ins at Christmas time, leaving a gift for each Programs and a Radio Sermon sent each week to all Shut-ins.

The Annual Report is as follows:

Cards sent out — 21 Get Well, 5 sympathy, 4 Birthdays, 1 Good Cheer, 1 Wedding Congratulation, 3 Baby Cong., 2 Valentines, 2 Easter, 1 Missed You, 2 Shut-in Sunshine, 5 Christmas — Total 47 cards

Programs + sermons have been sent to shut-ins nearly every week all the year

A letter from Friends World Committee, American Section has been read, requesting financial help for their program. As none of us are well informed on the work of this Committee, we feel that more study should be given to the matter.

12-29-'59 A letter from Clarabel Marstaller asks for a picture of our Meeting House by May 1, to be used in connection with the Tercentary of N. E. Yearly Meeting. We will see that this request is answered

Letters from China Camp Committee and Woolman Hill asks that the Finance Committee consider donations to them in their annual budget. The Finance Committee prefers to handle this as in other years. We approve of donating the same amount as last year to China Camp + which was $10 and sending $20 to Woolman Hill.

The Chairman of Stewardship and Christian Education in the annual report lists a Roll Call Supper held in June, well attended followed by a film "The Bible on the Table" + discussion on manner of presentation + moral values led by George Jones, Jr. In November envelopes were distributed for a special Thanksgiving offering for Five Years Meeting, netting $28.25. Christian Education has been carried on to a limited degree in the Sunday School, helping to re-organize this department (with) Some progress has been made in increased enrollment

The Chairman of Caretakers, Marion Ross reported that during the year several window panes were replaced, 2 shutters made for windows in downstairs room, a new window in upstairs hall, furnaces in church and parsonage cleaned, parsonage cleared of furniture, linoleum in downstairs room repaired, reception room and hall upstairs painted.

The Chairman of Finance Committee submitted a budget of $4235 to be raised which is approved by the Meeting.

The Report of the Nominating Committee is received + the following Officers and Committees are appointed for the following year.

Dec. 29, '59 The report was approved. Resignations + vacancies are referred to the present Nominating Committee. The Officers and Committees were commended for their loyalty and work during the year.

Clerk - Melita B. Fisher
Ass't Clerk - Bessie F. Ewen
Treasurer - Nellie M. Fisher
Ass't Treasurer - Lester R. Taber
Correspondent - Mae B. Todd
Elders for 3 years - Joseph C. Estes, Bessie F. Ewen, Grace McNamara, Leona Ewen
Investment Committee (to serve until replaced) Russel J. Ross, Nellie M. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Lester R. Taber
Finance Committee - Russel Ross, Nellie M. Fisher, Lester Taber, Walter Symes, Wilma Smith, Kenneth Strobel.
Caretakers - Louise Taber, Marion Ross, Louise Corrigan, Lauriston Smith, Lester Taber.
Relief and Sunshine Committee - Henrietta Pendleton, Leona Ewen, Ernest L. Smith.
Missionary Committee - Bessie Ewen, Mae B. Todd, Henrietta Pendleton, Leona Ewen.
Stewardship - Christian Education Committee - Eunice Strobel, Marjorie Doyle, Robert Mowry, Lester Taber.
Music Committee - Lloyd C. Arnold, Melita B. Fisher, Carolyn Smith, Louise Corrigan, Ruth Smith (Mrs. Ernest)
Flower Committee - Marion Ross, Wilma Smith, Dorothy Mowry, Laura Follett, Ann Aldrich, Ruth Smith (Mrs. Ernest
Delegate to Woonsocket Council of Church Women from Monthly Meeting - Sybil Dowling
Committee on Peace + Social Concerns - Lloyd C. Arnold, Ruth Smith (Mrs. Lauriston) Richard McNamara, Eleanor Mowry
Senior Youth Committee - Doris P. Mowry, ch.

Junior Youth Committee - Beatrice Mowry, Shirley Worrall, Carolyn Smith

12-29-'59 Cemeteries:
Mapleville + Woonsocket - Joseph Estes, Doris P. Mowry, Battye Ewen, Carleton Aldrich
East Blackstone - Russel J. Ross, Leslie Follett, Ernest Smith.

Ushers - Head usher - Lauriston Smith, Donald Ross, Robert Faber, Kerry Smith, Leslie Follett, Russel Ross.

The Nominating Committee for 1960
Bessie F. Ewen, Eunice Strobel, Robert Mowry, Russel Ross

Our business concluded we adjourn.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

1-29-'60 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I., January 29, 1960

In the absence of Clerk, Bessie F. Ewen served as Clerk and Eunice Strobel as Asst. Clerk.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of the Treasury shows a balance of $43.64 in General Fund

The Annual Report of Treasurer is read and accepted having been audited it is recorded as follows

Balance on hand in General Fund December 31, 1958	$318.76
On hand for Missionary Committee	25.00
On " " Peace + Social Concerns Committee	10.00
	$353.76

Receipts

Collections	$2578.10
For United Budget	261.02
Special collection 5 yrs. Mtg.	29.25
From Invested Funds (interest	654.51
From General Invested Funds	430.00
From Ladies Aid	100.00
From S. S. for Missionary Com.	15.00

1-29-60	Receipts continued		$353.76
	Rent from Parsonage	$150.00	
	Miscellaneous Income	86.44	4,304.32
			$4658.08

Expenses		
Pastors Salary	$1,851.48	
Supply Pastors Salary	135.00	
Janitors Salary	240.00	
P. Warren Howe-y Missions		
United Budget	261.02	
Special Collections	39.25	
Oil for heating Meetinghouse	363.61	
" " " parsonage	238.07	
Electricity + water for Mtg. House	57.60	
" + telephone parsonage	214.92	
Insurance Mtg. House + "	231.67	
Organist	35.00	
Contributions	45.00	
Repairs	251.85	
Miscellaneous expenses	88.97	4054.44
		$603.64

On hand in General Fund Dec. 31, 1959	403.64
Income from parsonage	150.00
On hand for Missionary Committee	40.00
" " " Peace + Social Concern Committee	10.00
	$603.64

Respectfully submitted -
Signed Nellie M. Fisher, Treasurer

The vacancies and resignations referred to the Nominating Committee have been filled with one exception and are as follows - Chairman of Stewardship. Christian Education Committee Eunice Strobel in place of Jane Cook, Chairman of Peace + Social Concerns Committee Lloyd C. Arnold in place of Ralph Cook.

1-29-'60 The Sunshine Committee reports cards sent Shut-ins - Addie Paine, Lila Smith, Mrs. Brindle, Mae Todd, Ann Aldrich, Laura Follett - Baby congratulation card to Philip & Gail Arnold. Programs and radio sermons were also sent. Get Well cards were sent Samuel Allen, Perlina Fisher, Laura Follett, Wilma Smith. It was also reported that Lila Smith has gone to live at State Infirmary, Howard, R.I.

Russel Ross, chairman of Investment Committee presents the following report - audited & approved.

	Nancy Inman Income for use of Mtg	$100.00		
	Abbie M. Harris " " "	1000.00		
	Clara James Pitts Memorial fund " "	2927.62		112.39
	C. B. & R. B. Brown " "	400.00		
	Dency A. Wilbur " "	5000.00		
	Isabel Read	331.14		
	M. & A. Walling	1000.00	R.I. Hosp. 47136	1077.28
	H. Southwick - Bldg cemetery fence	400.00		
	Nelson Taft - Repairs to Mtg. House	200.00		$56.41
	James S. Read - for Sunday School	331.14	Woon. Ins. Savings 16961	387.55
	A. & A. Cranston " Missions	190.01	R.I. Hosp. Tr. 28307	$169.49 299.50
	G. Pinkham " flower Com.	100.00	" " " 6290	32.21 132.21
	Andrew Comstock E.B. Mtg House & Com.	500.00	Woon. Ins. Sav. 5614	407.44 407.44
	Avis B. Sleere - for our Mtg after 25 yrs 5/31/45	500.00		
	Woonsocket cemetery - Repairs & upkeep	25.00		
	Mapleville " - Income for " "	100.00	Ind. Tr. 2772	204.62 304.62
	Woon. Inst. for Savings #66439 (Gen Fund)	4093.92		147.28
Bought at 31	Irving Trust Co N.Y. 14 shares @ $41\frac{1}{4}$	577.50		33.72
" $27\frac{3}{4}$	Prov. Washington Ins. Co. 32 " $20\frac{3}{8}$	652.—		32.80
" " $61\frac{3}{4}$	Ind. Natl Bank of Prov. 45 " 43	1935—		80.22
" " $61\frac{1}{4}$	1st Nat. Bank Boston 22 " 95	2090		78.10
" 95	2 $1000 U.S. Tr. Bonds ($2\frac{1}{2}$ of '67-'72 " 80	1600		50.00
" $75\frac{1}{4}$	1 $1000 N.Y. Putnam R.R. Bd. 4% of 1993 " $58\frac{3}{4}$	587.50		40.00
" $90\frac{3}{8}$	1 $1000 Am. T. & T Bd. $2\frac{3}{4}$ of 4/1/82 " 72	720.00		27.50
	Plantations Bk of R.I. Cert. of Deposit	2150—		64.50
	Value of Funds	20495.41		654.51
	Less total Int. held in Tr.	13971.35		
	Available for use of Mtg. 12/31/59	6527.06		

1-29-'60 $13140.42 Funds held in Trust
830.93 Int. " " "
13971.35 Total " Audited
Approved by Lloyd C. Arnold + Nellie M. Fisher.

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk are appointed to prepare the Statistical Report.

Cards of thanks are read from China Camp Treasurer for money received, from A.F.S.C. Workroom for mittens and clothing received, from Woolman Hill for money received

A letter from Packard Manse, Ray Arvio, Trustee, Stoughton, Mass. - tells of a retreat and study center for groups of all kinds. A folder is enclosed describing work, suggesting that a small or large donation would be appreciated. The folder will be placed on bulletin board.

A certificate of removal from West Branch Monthly Meeting of Friends in Iowa (Conservative) has been received concerning the membership of Ralph + Jane Cook + Lee and James Estes. As they have been accepted as members here at a previous Meeting, we will so inform the Clerks at West Branch Meeting.

A letter from Milton H. Hadley, chairman of Stewardship and Finance Committees encloses four leaflets which are available without cost. We approve of placing this material in the hands of Stewardship Committee

A report from the Finance Committee regarding increased amount of coverage on (for) the church and church property was given Value on Church, $34,100, contents $5000, parsonage $10,200, garage $500.

These figures on the buildings represent an increase of 10% over our present value and were suggested after an appraisal of the property by R. P. Smith + Son. These increases were approved by the Meeting.

It was also suggested and (and) approved that this insurance

1-29-'60 be carried on the Deferred Premium Payment Plan, the policy to be issued for five years in the Providence Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Premium payment to be $347.32 each year. With the Mutual policy a 25% dividend will be paid each year.

The Meeting appreciates the excellent work of Eleanor Mowry in compiling figures for the above report. She is asked to complete this transaction with R.P. Smith & Son at the expiration of our policies on April 26, 1960.

A letter from Mildred Morse, a member of this meeting since birth whose parents and grandmother were members before her, asks for a transfer to Hanover Monthly Meeting which has recently been formed.

The request is granted, hoping her fellowship in this new field will be a happy one. She assures us if her residence changes, she will again unite with us.

An announcement of a proposed Friends Meeting in Charlotte, N.C. is at hand. They will appreciate any help we might give toward its establishment. We suggest that this letter be read in the Meeting for Worship.

A letter from A.F.S.C. tells us of a cry of distress they have received from Algerian refugees in No. Africa. 100,000 blankets must be shipped to Tunisia and Morocco. New blankets can be purchased by A.F.S.C. for four dollars but special funds are needed. We refer this matter to the Missionary Committee.

A letter regarding the Reynolds case tells of progress made but help is needed for Court Appeal # 2. Contributions may be sent The Phoenix Defense Fund, Box 5199, Honolulu, Hawaii. We approve of sending five dollars.

All churches desiring half rates on water consumption are to contact the Water Department. The Clerk is directed to make request for half rates.

Loris Mowry reports attending Providence, R.I. Quarterly Meeting where Dorothy Averill from Amesbury, spoke telling

1-29-60 them of material available for Christian Education through the Five Years Meeting. She is available to give information on the subject. Doris is asked to contact Dorothy Averill to see if she could attend a supper planned by the Flower Committee Feb. 13. expense to be borne by the meeting.

Doris Mowry, Chairman Senior Young People's Committee requests that the Chairmen of Missionary, Peace & Social Concerns, Stewardship-Christian Education Committees serve as an Advisory Board (Committee) to formulate plans which are suggested

Our business being concluded, we adjourn

Bessie F. Ewen, Asst. Clerk

2-26-60 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I., 2/26/60.

The Minutes of last Meeting is read.

The report of the Treasurer shows $577.03 in General Fund with all current bills paid.

The Sunshine Committee reports valentines sent to Addie Paine, Lila Smith, Ann Aldrich, Mae Todd, Mrs. Brindle, Laura Follett - Get Well cards - 2 to Melita Fisher, Leona Ewen - Sympathy cards to Morwenna Tellier and Ann Aldrich. Programs sent to first seven named, also sermons, Trotty Vicks once.

The Statistical Report has been prepared & will be recorded, a copy sent to Clerk of Quarterly (Meeting).

The Missionary Committee reports twenty dollars ($20) sent to the A.F.S.C. for Algerian refugees in answer to the request.

The Clerk notified the Woonsocket Water Department that Smithfield Monthly Meeting requests half rates on water bills.

Statistics for Smithfield Monthly Meeting for 19 59

PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All Monthly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.

		Particular Meetings			Totals
1.	Number of Members last year, 12. 31. '58	99			
2.	Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report, 12. 31. '58				
3.	Additions by Birth,	1			
4.	Additions by Request,	1			
5.	Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,	4			
6.	Additions by Letter from another Denomination,				
7.	Total Additions,	6			
8.	Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,				
9.	Loss by Death,				
10.	Loss by Disownment,				
11.	Loss by Resignation,				
12.	Loss by Discontinuance,	6			
13.	Loss by Certificate to Another Friends Meeting,				
14.	Loss by Letter to another Denomination,	5			
15.	Total Loss,	11			
16.	Number of Members this year, 12. 31. '59	94			
17.	Net Gain,				
18.	Net Loss,	5			
19.	Number of Males,	39			
20.	Number of Females,	56			
21.	Number under 21 years of age,	15			
22.	Number of Associate Members,	16			
23.	Number of Associate Members Transferred to Active Membership,	0			
24.	Number of Resident Members,	74			
25.	Number of Non-Resident Members,	20			
26.	NUMBER OF ADULT RESIDENT MEMBERS,	55			
27.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY WORSHIP (ESTIMATE),	35			

PROVE ALL FIGURES AND TOTALS AS SUGGESTED BELOW.

2-26-'60 Doris Mowry contacted Dorothy Averill as requested, finding that she was attending a meeting in Hanover, N.H. on that date.

A letter from Amy Hayden, Chairman of Missionary Committee of New England Yearly Meeting, contains helpful suggestions for the report in May. This will be taken care of by Missionary Committee.

Announcements of Seminars for High School Young Friends March 16-19, April 6-9 to be held in Washington D.C. are at hand.

A pamphlet with an outline of the aims of Sandy Spring Friends School is available for anyone interested.

A letter from Urbana, Illinois Friends Meeting tells of voluntary taxing of 1% of gross income, giving it to U.N. to further peace and economic development work in Africa. On U.N. day in Oct. again these Friends will tax themselves, hoping others may take similar action. It is suggested that Robert N. Cool make this announcement in the Morning Meeting for Worship.

A letter from Clerk, Hubert Malherbe of Transvaal Monthly Meeting in Africa tells of the need of a Meeting House there. Contributions are solicited and may be sent to Johannesburg Quaker Meeting House through Friends World Committee. This letter is referred to Missionary Committee for action as they see fit.

From Woolman Hill, we have an announcement of 4 Conferences March 17, April 21, May 19 for Spiritual Renewal.

The Clerk is authorized to purchase a Record Book when needed.

A Thank You note for money sent to A.F.S.C. from Herbert Huffman is read.

No further business we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

3-25-'60 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Third Month 25, 1960.

S. present The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $261.73 in General Fund with all bills paid to date.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Grace McNamara, Louise Taber, Beverly Rowe, 2 to Adeline Randall - a Sympathy card to Marion + Russel Ross; Programs + sermons every week to Addie Paine, Lila Smith, / Ann Aldrich, Mae Todd, Mrs. Brindle, Shirley Worrall (Sub

The Queries are read + considered. We appoint Eunice and Kenneth Strobel, Jane Cook, Russel + Marion Ross, Bessie Ewen as our Representatives + others who may attend Quarterly Meeting in Worcester, Mass., April 23, 1960.

The Caretakers ask if it is too early to solicit funds to paint the church and parsonage. We note this concern, will keep the matter in mind; Perhaps at a future time a special affair may be held as a fund raising project.

It is suggested that we should have more singing books. The Treasurer is authorized to pay for ten or more as our choir director orders.

A letter from B. Clyde Shore, Yearly Meeting Treasurer of Winston-Salem Meeting calls our attention to a book entitled "I Have Called You Friends" by Francis C. Anscombe which sells for five dollars.

The Meeting of Ministry and Counsel recommends that Robert N. Cool be requested to remain with us until Sept. 1961 at the same salary as at present until Sept. 1960. including a month's vacation with pay If conditions warrant, beginning September 1, 1960 an increase of five dollars ($5) will be considered.

5-25-'60 Two of the Cemetery Committee having conferred with the President of the Historical Society present this report. They propose asking the Boy Scouts to join with others in an endeavor to clear the land, care for the graves + grave stones as best they can. If other members of Cemetery Committee agree to this, with supervision of Boy Scouts, careful selection of cutting trees, the Monthly Meeting approves of the attempt to beautify this old Friends Burial Ground next to the Meeting House + leave arrangements to the Cemetery Committee.

No further business, we conclude
Melita B. Fisher, clerk

1-29-60

present At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fourth Month 29th, 1960.

In the absence of Clerk, the Asst. Clerk presided assisted by Louise Faber.

The Minutes of last meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $268.71 on hand with bills paid to date

The Sunshine Committee reports as follows - birthday card to Mae B. Todd, programs sent to shut ins, Easter cards to shut ins as well as church bulletins

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all attended.

The Clerk of Ministry and Council conferred with Robert N. Cool about continuing with us from now through 1961. He is willing to carry on with the terms as suggested at our last meeting.

A letter from Gertrude Smith, chairman of a Committee to consider concerns regarding preparation of Friends for the Ministry has been read. We are asked to have discussions on this matter in our Monthly and Quarterly Meetings of Ministry and Council at Yearly Meeting in June

4-29-60 Ralph Cook speaks about varied types of Friends Meetings, pastoral and silent, in New England and New York. He feels a need for something more than a peaceful co-existence. Individuals, he feels, should give the subject of ministry in Friends Meetings deep consideration.

A bulletin from Committee for Non Violent Action is at hand. We are asked to discourage Violent Resistance in as many ways as possible. The bulletin will be placed on board in hall.

A covering letter from Clarence E. Pickett with a letter from Southern Christian Leadership Conference asking our moral and financial support to help the young people of the Negro group to acheive their rights is read. We refer this to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

A letter from Robert Lyon announces a Spring Meeting of the A.F.S.C. at Hartford, Conn. The letter gives the date as April 9, the bulletin as April 30.

A letter from Friends General Conference extends a welcome to the Monthly Meeting for the decision of N.E. Yearly Meeting to join them. A special Committee has been formed to welcome our Yearly Meeting. Material is inclosed, more copies available. The date of Conference June 24 to July 1. Material will be posted on bulletin board.

A letter from Rt. Rev. John Seville Higgins, Bishop of R.I. calls our attention to the "Decade of Expansion" plan for Barrington College. A brochure is enclosed and will be placed on bulletin board.

We have a letter from Collette Travel Service of Pawtucket suggesting Yankee Heritage Tours to Sturbridge Village allowing us a profit of 30 cts. for tickets sold at $6.85

4-29-'60 A letter from David McKendree Key, a former ambassador to Burma tells of the tireless efforts of Dr. Gordon S. Seagrave to maintain the Namkham Hospital in Burma which lacks medical and hospital aids & Every help given, big or little will help save a life. A book, "The Life of a Burma Surgeon" by Dr. Seagrave may be purchased in paper back form.

The caretakers inform us that gutters are needed on parsonage and new shingles on one side of garage. They are authorized to see that the work is done with Monthly Meeting paying for materials. Labor is volunteered.

A letter from Harold Chance encloses a leaflet "1970 Without Arms" also two flyers to help Friends in peace and race testimonies. We refer this to Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

At Quarterly Meeting a letter from N.E. representative to Quaker men of Five Years Meeting was read requesting each Quarterly Meeting to give $44.44, this being a proportionate part of goal, to help in agricultural work in Africa the Adams work. Quarterly Meeting suggested that the matter be considered by each Monthly Meeting for whatever action they can take. The Missionary Committee is asked to consider the matter.

Bessie Ewen reports that the Ladies' Aid purchased 15 new hymn books. Since they do not match the old books, we suggest that the Music Committee inquire whether there are any of the old edition which may be available in exchange.

A letter from Robert N. Cool suggesting a special service at the close of meeting for worship on May 24 to honor Arnold Buffum is read. It is suggested that the Flower Committee provide flowers to place

4-29-'60 on the grave. Robert Cool to be in charge.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
Bessie T. Ewen, Ass't, Clerk.

5-27-'60 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. May 27, 1960.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer gives a balance of $331.24 on hand in General Fund with all current bills paid.

The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Laura Follett & Perlina Fisher. Programs, sermon or letters sent to Shut-ins - Addie Paine, Ann Aldrich, Mrs. Brindle, Lila Smith, Laura Follett, Perlina Fisher.

Two letters from Committee for Non Violent Affairs have been recieved urging us to do everything possible demanding disarmament. Brochures are available for free distribution. Some action is greatly needed by all peace organizations to promote an alternative to Polaris action. Money is requested to carry on action at New London, Conn. where office is situated. We approve of securing 100 leaflets & of sending ($10) ten dollars toward this important action.

A letter from Central Committee for C.O's informs us of C.O's awaiting trial, being helped financially by this Organization. We are invited to contribute to this cause. We are united in appropriating ten dollars ($10).

Announcement of a study book on Crime & Treatment of Offenders is offered by Friends World Committee at a cost of fifty cents. We approve of sending for this book for circulation.

A program of Closing Events at Lincoln School is on hand which will be posted. Commencement Exercises Sixth Month 9 at 3:30, Moses Bailey speaker. All are welcome.

5-27-'60 At this time we decide whether to continue our Meetings for Worship during the summer months. We approve of continuing, changing the time from 11 a.m. to 10 a.m. during July and August + over Labor Day Sunday. The Meeting of Ministry and Counsel to arrange for supply during Robert N. Cool's vacation.

Robert N. Cool has the approval of this Meeting to attend Yearly Meeting on Sixth Month 26. He has offered to provide pastoral leadership for the Meeting.

As Yearly Meeting is in session on our regular Monthly Meeting night, it was suggested and approved that it be held one week later, Seventh Month First.

As the ownership of the Mendon Cemetery has been a moot question for some time, Doris Mowry is willing to search records + prepare the history of the cemetery and meeting if she may have access to the records in vault at Moses Brown School. This Meeting gladly approves of this being done, the Clerk is appointed to contact the Committee on Vaults and the policy of the School in permitting books of records to be borrowed from the vault for a reasonable length of time.

Etta Pendleton reported to the Meeting that Robert N. Cool wishes to thank the Meeting for their patience in accepting service he has been able to give this last year. He feels that in September, with some of his outside duties lessened he will be able to give more time to the concerns of the Meeting here.

Last fall Doris P. Mowry attended a course at the Methodist Church on Methods for use in Sunday Schools from which she derived much benefit. She has received an outline of a course to be given this coming fall beginning Ninth Month (Sept.) 19th. It is suggested that the S. S. Supt. be asked to present the matter to the teachers for consideration + action.

5-27-60 No further business appearing we conclude.

Milita B. Fisher, clerk.

7-1-60 Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends met at Woonsocket, R.I. 7-1-60 according to adjournment.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The Treasurer reports $207.19 on hand in Gen. Treasury with all bills paid.

The (program) Sunshine Committee reports programs sent to Francis Worrall, Addie G. Paine, Ida Smith and Ann Aldrich.

A letter has been received. Clayton Drown, Clerk of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting in which is enclosed a letter requesting the appointment of a liaison Representative for Quaker Men John H. Cann of Lynn is N. E. Yearly Meeting Representative for National Quaker Men. James Weagle of Worcester was named Representative of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. N. E. is asked to contribute $400 toward the work of Ellis and Sue Adams, missionaries in Africa. If each of the nine Quarterly Meetings contribute $44.44 the amount would be reached. To date - Salem Quarterly Meeting has contributed $50 and Lynn Quaker Men $50

It is suggested that Jane Cook, Doris Mowry, Donald Ross, Lloyd C. Arnold and Robert N. Cool in conjunction with the Missionary Committee make plans for a meeting to which men are invited when the purpos of Quaker Men Group will be presented

The Eighth Annual Avon Institute will be held at Geneva Point Camp, Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H. July 30 - Aug. 6. Family Institute will be held at Greenfield, N. H. Aug. 27 - Sept. 2. Elizabeth Jones of Worcester, Chairman of Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committ invites that this Institute combines, beauty, rest, inspiration and play. Clarence Pickett and Norma Whitney will be among the leaders. Flyers are available

7-1-'60 A letter from Friends Council on Education announces their program for 1960-'61. Enclosed is a publication called the Courier, worthwhile reading.

A tentative program of the Five Years' Meeting July 14-21 in Richmond, Ind has been received.

A letter from Friends Meeting at Washington, D.C. tells of a young man (21 years old) being dropped from his position as Assistant to the Secretary of Senate Minority (Rep.) because he had signed a letter sent to 22000 high school students informing them of alternative service under the Selective Service Act and giving some discussion to the C.O's position. Washington Meeting considers this dismissal, without a hearing, serious and hopes that a Concern may be sent our Senators and Margaret Chase Smith, Chairman of Minority Personnel Committee. The clerk is asked to express the Concern ~~for~~ of this Meeting in regard to this. We approve of having this letter read in the Meeting for Worship.

The Committee for Non-Violent Action has sent us, by request, leaflets on Polaris Action which we hope will be widely circulated.

Robert N. Cool has contacted Mrs Schofield Kelly about holding a meeting at the E. Blackstone Meeting House on the basis of an unprogrammed meeting. She suggests August 21st, Sunday p.m. This meets with our approval.

The Queries are read and considered & we appoint Priscilla Follett, Eleanor Smith, Shirley Worrall, Kenneth Strobel, Lauriston Smith, Eleanor Mowry, Bessie Ewen as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting in So. Uxbridge Meeting House, July 30-

The Meeting of Ministry and Counsel when se-

7-1-60 curing substitute pastors for August are authorized to pay a sum not to exceed $20

No further business appearing we adjourn.

5 present. Melita B. Fisher, clerk

7/29/60 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket R.I. 7/29/60

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $291.36 on hand in General Treasury with no outstanding bills.

The Sunshine Committee reports a birthday card sent Mrs Brinda, also programs sent to her, to Frank Worrall, Ann Aldrich

Letters from Senators Pastore, Green and Margaret Chase Smith in answer to those sent by the Clerk as directed by the Meeting, have been received

A letter from A.F.S.C. informs us, rather late, that part time scholarships to Avon Institute beginning July 30th are available. In the same letter they encourage contributions to the Scholarship Fund

A letter with recommendations and amount of budget for next year, from the Finance Committee, F. Warren Howe, Treasurer is at hand. Copies of the Yearly Meeting Minutes are fifty cents each as last year. While our budget is voluntary, it is hoped that all will strive for $10 a year per member.

The General Epistle signed by Yearly Meeting Clerks is placed on bulletin board.

Letters regarding Non Violent Action have been received, a bulletin on Polaris Action also. Money, boats, cots, bedding, knives, forks, dishes, pots, pans etc. are needed to continue this work which seems to be "pricking the consciences" of people as to the arms race.

-29-'60 Lloyd C. Arnold reports that the Peace + Social Concerns Committee met recently and plan to meet every two months. They hope to secure a speaker at a fall meeting. Any concerns we may wish considered should be given to a special Committee composed of Lloyd Arnold, Richard McNamara + Robert Cool.

The Garden Club of North Smithfield has asked for the use of our Church Recreation Room for a meeting on Nov. 12 and one Feb 11. This request is granted.

Lloyd C. Arnold commended the Sunshine Committee for faithfully performing and reporting each month.

A letter from F.C.N.L. urges us to send letters to our President, the Democratic + Republican nominees urging General Disarmament, + no resumption of nuclear tests. We approve of sending such letters.

The Central Advisory Committee asked Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends to arrange an evening vesper program in the manner of Friends, at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, N.H. on Eighth Month seventh at 7 p.m. All Friends and friends of Friends are invited. A buffet supper will be held at the Meeting School at 5:30 p.m. preceding the Meeting. Those who plan to attend, send post card to Thira Hindmarsh, Clerk Monadnock Monthly Meeting, C/o the Meeting School, Rindge, N.H. This invitation will be read in the Meeting for Worship.

The Meeting of Ministry and Counsel recommend that the name of Robert N. Cool, our acting pastor, be transferred from Providence Friends Meeting to Smithfield Monthly Meeting, at his request. We are happy to accept the recommendation, having received many helpful messages during the past year. We look forward to closer fellowship in the coming year.

The name of Anna Mary de Nevers is also recom-

7-29-60 mended to this Meeting by the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel for membership with us. She has been a faithful keeper and attender for more than a year. We are unanimous in accepting the recommendation and will be pleased to receive her into membership and fellowship with us. At a future meeting the right hand of fellowship will be extended to these new members.

We are unanimous in giving Marilyn Desrosiers, our organist, a two weeks vacation with pay.

The following arrangement made by the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel is acceptable to this Meeting as follows:

Emil John July 31, Aug. 7 + 14. Ralph & Jane Cook Aug. 21, Robert N. Cool Aug. 28

The Clerk was asked to write a letter of appreciation to Richard N. Nixon, nominee for Presidency
of U.S. in the Republican Party, expressing our appreciation for the forthright speech of acceptance. If elected we hope the policies outlined may be carried through.

Because Ted Sitko of Woonsocket, recently repaired the electric clock with no charge to the Meeting, we suggest that the Clerk send a letter of appreciation to him.

No further business appearing we adjourn to meet at the call of the Clerk.

11 present

Melita B. Fisher, Clerk

At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
9-30-60 Woonsocket, R.I., Ninth Month 30, 1960

No Monthly Meeting was held in August.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read.

The Treasurer's Report for July & August gives the amount in General Fund as $108.98 with all bills paid.

Sept 30-1960

At the last meeting of Ministry and Council held 9th mo. 12th 1960 the following minute was approved for recommendation to Monthly Meeting for their approval.

"The following young people have expressed a desire to become active members of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Pricilla Follett
Terry Smith
Kevin Smith
Caroline Smith
Eleanor Smith.

We approve their application for active membership and recommend that this minute be presented to monthly meeting for their approval.

The following minute was also approved and referred to monthly meeting for their consideration and approval:

"We recommend that the names of

Russell Mowry
Kenneth Cook
Richard Cook

be dropped from our membership rolls because of disinterest in our meeting."

9-30-'60 The Sunshine Committee reports Get Well cards sent to Leona Ewen & Ann Aldrich. While confined in house, Leona Ewen was sent a sermon and program. Addie Paine, Lila Smith, Mrs. Brindle and Francis Worrall are sent a sermon & bulletin of Church activities each week.

As Quarterly Meeting meets here Tenth Month 15th, the Queries are read and considered and the following Representatives are appointed - Doris P. Mowry, Jane Cook, Kenneth Strobel, Joseph C. Estes, Richard McNamara, Ruth Smith. Marion Rose is appointed Chairman of Supper Committee choosing her own helpers.

A letter has been received from Ruth White, Clerk of Providence Meeting informing us of Robert N. Cool's request for transfer of membership to Smithfield Monthly Meeting. As this request has already been received & approved here, the Clerk of this Meeting will so inform the Providence Mtg. A personal request was made preceding the letter from Providence Meeting.

At a Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held Ninth Month 11, 1960, the names of Priscilla Follett, Kerry Smith, Kevin Smith, Caroline Smith, Eleanor Smith were recommended for transfer of membership from Associate to Active. The Monthly Meeting approves the recommendation, gladly welcoming them into full membership. With the approval of our pastor, Robert N. Cool, they with Anna Mary de Nevers will be extended the right hand of fellowship Tenth Month 9, 1960.

The Meeting of Ministry and Counsel also recommend that the names of Kenneth & Richard Cook be dropped from our membership rolls because of disinterest in our Meeting. The name of Russell Mowry was mentioned but until he is contacted, no action is taken. We approve of the recommendation.

The Clerk has been appointed to introduce Quaker Life, a publication combining Quaker Action and the

9-30-'60 American Friend. The subscription price is $1 a year. It is hoped that every family will subscribe, getting a broader view of the work of Friends. We approve of an announcement of this be made in the Meeting for Worship. Sample copies are available.

Many letters have been received regarding Polaris Action, one of which is read. Others are on bulletin table for those interested.

A letter from Friends Committee on National Legislation informs us that New England Yearly Meeting is asked to underwrite $1000 to return Stuart Innerst to Washington, D.C. to assist Raymond Wilson and Edward Snyder in discussing with Congressmen the "arms race" & means of stopping it. S. Innerst has been minister of First Friends Church in Pasadena, Ch. of Peace Board of California Yearly Meeting is well qualified. Amount needed for the program is $2000. Pacific Yearly Meeting is underwriting one half of it. We approve of sending $(10) ten dollars at this time.

"The Quaker" sent out from Moses Brown School is at hand and will be placed on bulletin

A sample copy of "The Peacemaker" was received today with an announcement of subscription rate of two dollars a year.

A letter from Fellowship of Reconciliation enclosing copies of statement of purpose has been received. Copies will be distributed

A copy of News Notes will be posted. Reports from Committee for Non Violent Action also.

A request for money from Friends Meeting in Washington D.C is at hand and tabled, also a similar lette from N. Carolina.

9-30-'60 Another request for money from Post War World Council is tabled

A letter from Tucson, Ariz. asks us to send names of members of Friends who may be visiting or residing near there.

A suggestion is made that at the discretion of the Peace and Social Concern Committee, a special meeting be held with a speaker in attendance where money may be raised for Polaris Action Committee.

Jane Cook has graciously offered to conduct a class for new members, giving them a clearer understanding of Quaker membership.

Announcement is made of a supper meeting, October 22, at 6 p.m. when a film "New Faces of Africa" will be shown. Sponsors are the Missionary Committee and special Committee appointed by Monthly Meeting in Seventh Month

No further business appearing we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher clerk.

10-28-'60 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Tenth Month 28, 1960.

The Minutes of last meeting are read

In absence of Asst. Clerk, L.C. Arnold was appointed to serve.

The report of the Treasurer gives a balance of $176.29 in General Fund with all bills paid to date.

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all but one attended

The Sunshine Committee reported Get Well cards sent to Richard McNamara and Bessie Ewen, sermons and programs sent to Addie Paine, Lila Smith, Ann Aldrich, Mrs. Brindle + Francis Worrall + to Richard McNamara + Bessie Ewen while confined [illegible]

10-28-60 A letter from Frances Gove, Chairman of Committee on Christian Education of N. E. Yearly Meeting informs us of a Laboratory School to be held at Guilford College, N.C. July 9-14, 1961. Each Monthly Meeting is asked to contribute $25 toward a pooled fund. It is hoped that each Quarterly Meeting will send a pupil. This is believed to be an investment in Christian Education that will yield high dividends in inspiration and vitalization for our Meetings. We approve of giving $25 to this fund.

A letter from Herbert Huffman, Assoc. Sec. of A.F.S.C. appeals to us for financial help for the Youth Program and other programs carried on by them. We approve of having this project given to our Sunday School for their consideration.

A letter from Milton Hadley, Substitute secretary on Stewardship and Finance Committee offers us, free of charge several leaflets. We approve of the Stewardship Committee sending for 50 or more copies. With the letter is a program of the Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. Nov. 12-14.

A letter from Barrett Hollister, Chairman of Friends General Conference is at hand. They ask that in 1961 an appropriation be made to the Meeting House Fund. The reprints enclosed will be placed on table in hall; the matter of funds is referred to Finance Committee.

For some time the Historical Society of North Smithfield has offered help in improving the old cemetery. We have expressed appreciation of their offer but as yet no definite decision has been reached. We approve of a member of our Cemetery Committee or the Clerk attending the Meeting of the Historical Society, Monday Oct. 31st, telling them of our lack of funds, and empowering them to go ahead with what they feel they can do. The Clerk is to write a note of thanks for plaque presented by them that has been placed on outside of Meeting House.

Helen Thayer Paxton has an antique sofa probably

10-28-60 one hundred years old which belonged to her aunt. She would like to donate it to this Meeting. Some repairs are needed. If accepted, Robert N. Cool thinks it may be possible for him to bring it in his car. We accept the gift with thanks which will be conveyed to Mrs. Payton.

A letter from Central Committee for C. O's has been read asking our support in helping these men when needed. Having contributed in May, we feel that any further giving at this time, should be individual

Olaf Hanson, Ch of Christian Education of the Five Years Meeting and Frances Gove of N. E. Yrly. Mtg. recently visited us, meeting with the Sunday School teachers and officers.

Russel Ross reminds us that the Meeting House needs painting in the spring, and suggests that bids be solicited. Names of George Fortier, Amedee Morin, John Cowett, Wayland Esten are suggested. This matter is referred to the Caretakers. A new window frame is needed in peak of the Church.

Ralph Cook called our attention to the re-dedication of the peace testimony and the Peace Pilgrimage to be held in Washington, D.C. November 12-14. We approve of a copy of "Minute of Concern" being distributed to each family. These have already been ordered. We suggest that on Sunday, Nov. 13 we ask our pastor to speak to this Concern suggesting that the prayer vigils 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. + 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday 6 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. on Mon. be carried on here individually. It is further suggested that a statement be given the newspaper incorporating that, the message of George Fox. As a possible representative to this Pilgrimage, the name of Doris P. Mowry is suggested. She will be contacted by R. Cook.

The supper Meeting where the film on Africa was shown was well received by those in

10-28-60 attendance.

No further business, we adjourn.

6 present
Melita B. Fisher, clerk

11-26-60 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. Eleventh Month 26 instead of Eleventh Month 25 at the request of one of our members.

In absence of the Assistant Clerk, Kenneth Strobel is appointed to serve.

The Minutes of last meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer gives a balance of $123.55 in General Treasury with all bills paid.

The Sunshine Committee reports programs and sermons sent to Addie Paine, Lila Smith, Mrs. Brindle and Francis Worrall

As most of you know Olaf Hanson, Chairman of Christian Education of the Five Years Meeting and Frances Gove of a similar Committee in New England Yearly Meeting conferred with the teachers and workers in the Sunday School at a meeting held here (Oct) November 16. The expense involved amounts to (7.50) seven dollars and fifty cents as stated in a statement to Lloyd C. Arnold, this being part of the Christian Education work we are unanimous in asking our treasurer to send check to our Yearly Meeting Treasurer to cover this expense

Louis Marstaller writes that on December 29th & 30th. a Conference for Young Friends will be held at Woolman Hill where it is hoped many Young Friends will attend. Busses go from Boston to Greenfield, where Woolman Hill folks will meet those who may wish transportation, if notified. Cost for two days $6. We approve of defraying expense of at least one Young Friend. Jane Cook will contact some of those in her class.

A letter from Richard S. Cove, Chairman of China

11-26-'60 Camp Committee asks for a special gift to carry on the program and improve facilities for another six week program next summer. We approve of sending ten dollars ($10) for this project.

A letter from Gertrude Lawrence, President of N.E. Women's Missionary Society writing to Missionary Society of New England asks help on living expenses of Lily Shatara who is taking a course at International House in New York. As we have no Missionary Society this matter is referred to the Missionary Committee of the Monthly Meeting. It is hoped the money may be raised by February 22. New England's share is ($100) one hundred dollars.

Starting December 1, an outline of a Transcontinental "Walk for Peace", sponsored by Committee for Non-Violent Action is at hand. A list of equipment for the walk is enclosed with a blank for contributions.

A communication from Somerset Hills Monthly Meeting of Friends in New Jersey has been sent Sen. Kennedy urging him on taking office to establish an Independent Agency or Department to formulate plans for non-violent solutions of world problems. "Each Monthly Meeting has received one of these copies. We will refer this letter to the Peace Committee.

A price list of gifts made in Paraguay from tropical woods has been received from Society of Brothers, Farmington, Pa.

The Nominating Committee is reminded to bring in names of Officers and Committees at our next Monthly Meeting.

Russell Ross: speaking for Marion R chairman of Flower Committee asks permission to have candles in the window at Christmastime. All approve.

11-26-60 Jane Cook reports a well attended class for instruction on Quaker beliefs, especially for new members.

It is suggested that at the beginning of the New Year, consideration be given to possible programs by different committees.

We approved the suggestion of sending a letter of appreciation to those who gave so much time painting & repairing parsonage, costing less than $100.

We are glad to have our pastor, Robert N. Cool in attendance with us.

Forrest Wheeler's sudden death in Florida on Thanksgiving Day was announced. He was an active member of Worcester Meeting for many years.

The Sunday School Christmas tree will be held on Mon. Dec. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

members present No further business appearing we adjourn.
Melita B. Fisher, clerk.

At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
12/30/60 Woonsocket, R.I. Dec 30, 1960.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $309 on hand in the General Fund.

The report of the Sunshine Committee for Dec. lists Get Well cards sent to Robert Taber and Lena Ewen. Fruit Cakes were sent Addie Paine, Lila Smith, Mrs. Brindle, Francis Worrall at Christmas. Gifts of lavender spray were taken to Addie Paine, Lila Smith and Mrs. Brindle.

The Annual Report of the Sunshine Committee for the year 1960 is as follows: Get Well cards 20, Sympathy 3, Birthday 2, Valentines 7, Easter 5, Baby congratulations 1, Christ

2/30/60 mas + Trotty Locks 4. Total 42. 3 pkg. of Lavender Spray were taken to the Shut ins - Addie Paine, Lela Smith, Mrs Brindle at Christmas. H. A. Pendleton - Ch. Sunshine Committee

The matter of raising money for the expenses of Lily Shatara who is taking a music course while living at International House in N.Y. was referred to Missionary Committee. Lily Shatara will teach music in the Friends school in Ramallah. As the Missionary Committee lacks funds, we approve of sending $10 to the Treas. of Missionary Society of N. E. Yearly Meeting by Feb. 22

A friendly letter from Central Office Staff of Richmond, Ind has been read

A schedule of programs to be held under auspices of Woolman Hill is at hand and will be posted

Announcement of a Conference for Meeting Clerks is to be held Jan. 20-22, '61 at Woolman Hill. Registration blanks are available, cost $11 -

A letter from George Selleck, Chairman of a Yearly Meeting Committee to revise the Discipline asks for suggestions regarding desirable changes. Suggestions to be on hand by Feb. 10

An opportunity to help on the expense of a new meeting house in Austin, Texas is given us. The plan of May not kno

A sample copy of Peacemaker from Cincinnati, Ohio, a copy of News Notes of Central Committee for C.O.'s, and the Quaker from Moses Brown School are on file for anyone interested.

We approve of defraying expenses of those who may attend the Young Friends Conference at Woolman Hill, also expense of transportation. It is hoped a report may be given to the Meeting.

12/30/60 A Christmas greeting addressed to Lloyd Arnold was read from William Robbins of Me. who so capably served as supply pastor here for a time.

Robert N. Cook expressed appreciation for his Christmas gift, as did Lloyd C Arnold

The Finance Committee presented the proposed budget of $5045 for the year 1961 which was approved

The Peace + Social Concerns Committee reported one meeting held and an evening meeting when a film on Africa was shown

Lloyd Arnold, Sunday School Supt. told of Buffalo nickels to the amount of ten dollars fifty cents ($10.50) being collected for work among the Indians, a mitten tree with 43 pr. of mittens, (30 knit by Mrs. Dickey) 21 sets of pencils + pads by S S children He feels that the S S should be more of a Meeting concern. It was suggested and approved to have an annual report from the S. S. with other reports, that the S S Supt. should be an ex-officio member of Christian Education Committee was unanimously approved

The Missionary Committee reports twenty dollars sent to A. F. S. C. for blankets for Algeria, twenty-five ($25) dollars sent to help on Adams salary in Africa, $4.50 sent for a Girls School at Howard R. I. through the Woonsocket Council of Church Women.

Lloyd Arnold commended the Chairman of Sunshine Committee for the faithful work throughout the year.

We approve of purchasing twelve copies of the Discipline for new members. Jane Cook will be in charge of this.

Appreciation for work of Officers and Committees was expressed

12/30/60 The Caretakers Report is as follows:
Shingled south side of garage, repaired and painted gutters, put in new clothes posts, cut down tree in front (of) yard and trimmed others, repaired two screen doors, put new lock on church door, moved piano from church auditorium to basement, disposed of old piano, had clock in church repaired, painted garage and parsonage, snow removed twice.

The Nominating Committee reports as follows:
Clerk - Melita B. Fisher
Ass't Clerk - Bessie F. Ewen
Treasurer - Nellie M. Fisher
Ass't Treas. Kenneth Strobel
Correspondent - Ann LeNeveu

Elders - 1963 Ruth C. Smith, Nellie M. Fisher, Henrietta A. Pendleton, Mae B. Todd

Committees

Investment (to serve until replaced)
Russel J. Ross, Nellie M. Fisher, Lloyd C. Arnold, Lester R. Taber.
Finance - Russel J. Ross, Nellie M. Fisher, Lester R. Taber, Walter Symes, Kenneth Strobel, Wilma Smith.
Caretakers - Louise Corrigan, Sybil Dowling, Ralph Cook, Lauriston Smith, Marion Ross, [illegible]
Relief and Sunshine Committee - H. A. Pendleton, Leona Ewen, Louise Corrigan
Missionary - Bessie F. Ewen, Mae B. Todd, Leona A. Ewen, H. A. Pendleton
Christian Education + Stewardship - Eunice Strobel, Marjorie Doyle, Beatrice Mowry, Lester R. Taber
Senior Youth Committee - Ann LeNeveu, Priscilla Follett, Glenn Smith, Cynthia Mowry
Cemeteries (Mapleville and Woonsocket) Joseph Estes, Bettye Ewen, Doris Mowry, Carleton Aldrich
East Blackstone - Russel J. Ross, Leslie Follett, Ernest Smith

Ushers - Head Usher - Lauriston Smith - Donald Ross, Kerry Smith, Russel Jr. Ross, Robert Taber, Leslie Follett, Glenn Smith

Music Committee - Lloyd C. Arnold, Carolyn Smith, Melita B. Fisher, Louise Taber, Louise Corrigan.

Committee on Peace and Social Concerns - Jane Cook, Lloyd C. Arnold, Ruth C. Smith (Mrs. L.) Richard McNamara

Flower Committee - Wilma Smith, Dorothy Mowry, Eunice Strobel, Marion Ross, Laura Follett, Ruth Smith (Mrs. E.)

Delegates to Woonsocket Council of Church Women
Sybil Dowling (From Monthly Meeting)
Norma Brooks (" Ladies' Aid)

Nominating Committee - Melita B. Fisher, Ruth C. Smith, Bessie F. Ewen, Louise Taber, Lloyd C. Arnold

No further business appearing we conclude
Melita B. Fisher, clerk

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The minutes of last Meeting are read

[illegible] absence of the Assistant Clerk [illegible] Cook is appointed [illegible]

The [illegible] Treasurer shows a balance of $455 [illegible] in General Fund

The Annual Report of the Treasurer is read and approved having been audited it is recorded as follows:

Balance on hand in General Fund Dec. 31, 1959	$40[illegible]
On hand for Peace & Social Concerns Committee	[illegible]
On hand for Missionary Committee	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]

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1-27-61 Receipts

Collections	$2177.80	
For United Budget	297.77	
Special collections	88.01	
From Invested Funds (interest)	291.96	
From [illegible] + light	[illegible]	
" " " rent for parsonage	[illegible]	
Rent from parsonage	[illegible]	
Miscellaneous income	[illegible]	[illegible]
		4731.96

Expenses

Pastor's salary	$[illegible]	
Supply pastors salary	[illegible]	
Janitor's salary	[illegible]	
Special collections contributions	[illegible]	
United Budget sent to Harrisburg	297.77	
Organist	[illegible]	
Insurance - mtg. house + parsonage	[illegible]	
Oil for heating meeting house	[illegible]	
Electricity + water for mtg. house	[illegible]	
Painting parsonage	[illegible]	
General repairs	[illegible]	
Transferred to Savings (Bond)	[illegible]	
Miscellaneous expenses	[illegible]	[illegible]
Balance on hand 12/31/60		$[illegible]

On hand in General Fund [illegible]	$[illegible]
Rent from parsonage	150.00
For Relief Committee	[illegible]
For Grace [illegible]	18.00
	$[illegible]

Respectfully submitted

Signed Mellie M. Foster, Treas.

The Nominating Committee suggests that the Junior Youth Committee remain dormant at present. H. G. Biddle suggests that the name of Lloyd C. Arnold be added as Chairman of Relief Committee. With the approval of the

1-25-51 Nominating Committee, we approve.

The Sunshine Committee's report follows:
Get Well cards sent to Ann Aldrich, Peter Tabor, Joseph Estes, Marion Rose – Sympathy to Grace [illegible], Birthday Mary Dickey, Baby – Gail & Philip Arnold. Church program and radio sermon sent to shut-ins each week – Addie M. Prince, Ida Smith, Mrs. Brindle, Francis Worrall, Ann Aldrich & to any who are sick & ill.
A letter of appreciation from [illegible] Brindle for gifts sent her mother at Christmas time was read by F. A. Pendleton, Ch. of Sunshine Com.

The Report of the Investment Committee by [illegible] is received, audited and approved. It follows:

[illegible] Nancy Inman Fund - income only on mtg.
1000.00 Abbie M. Harris " " " "
2927.62 Clara Pitts Mem. " " " [illegible] [illegible]
400.00 C. B. & R. B. Brown " " " "
5000.00 Dency A. Wilbur " " " "
[illegible]
[illegible] R. I. Hosp. Tr. Co. [illegible] 1109.83
400.00 N. Southwick – Bldg., cemetery and fence
200.00 Nelson Taft – For repairs to Mtg. House
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
190.01 S. & A. Cranston " " " & Miss. R. I. Hosp. Tr. 28367 [illegible] [illegible]
100.00 G. Pinkham – for flower Com. #6290 " " [illegible] [illegible]
35.51 E. S. Aldrich – income & prin. for needy women " " 13085 57.97 22.46
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
25.00 Woon. cemetery – repairs & upkeep of Woon. cemetery
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

Woon. Inst. for Savings [illegible] 4693.92 167.59
Irving Tr. Co., N. Y. 14 sh @ 40 1/4 [illegible] [illegible]
Prov. Wash. Ins. Co. 32 sh. " 18 3/4 [illegible] [illegible]
2nd Nat. Bk. of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
1st Nat'l. Bk., Boston [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Bk. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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-27-61	$[illegible] N.Y. Central R.R. [illegible]	$[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible] stock ([illegible])	770.00	[illegible]
	Plantations Bk of R.I. (Cert. of deposit)	2150.00	[illegible]
	Value of bonds	2124[illegible]	[illegible]
	Less total Prin. & int. held in trust	14027.27	
	Amt available for use of society	7216.[illegible]	

$13142.42 Funds held in trust
$884.85 Int
$14027.27 Total held in trust

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk were appointed to prepare the Statistical Report.

A letter from Friends World Committee expressing a concern regarding race relations. In June 1961 a Friends Conference on this subject will be held at Richmond, Indiana. Enclosed is a sheet of queries for Monthly Meetings which we are asked to consider, answer and return by April 1. We are also asked to nominate a few Friends from our Monthly Meeting to attend the Conference. This matter was referred to Peace and Social Concerns Committee who are to set a time for a special meeting to consider the matter more fully.

A report of the Questionnaire on Outreach from Friends General Conference is at hand also a list of available posters for 35 cents each and a notice of a listing and referral service for members who move to other communities. These were recommended for consideration at the next Month. Meeting.

Since our last Monthly Meeting, two bulletins on Polaris Action from New England Committee for Non-Violent Action have been received containing a coupon allowing space for what persons may be able to do to help in this project. These bulletins were referred to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

1-25-51 A Thank you note from Margaret P. Welch for money sent to [illegible] Stuart [illegible] to take up Peace Work in Congress in behalf of F. C. N. L. has been read.

A note of appreciation was received from Eleanor Smith for the privilege of attending Woolman Hill Conference for Young Friends. The Meeting is grateful for the reports which she and Priscilla Follett brought back to us.

Having no further business we conclude.

Milita B. Fisher Clerk

[illegible] At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket R. I. Second Month [illegible] 1951

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $[illegible] General Fund.

The Sunshine Committee reports [illegible] visits, cards and [illegible] sent [illegible] and church programs sent to "shut-ins".

The Statistical Report having been read was recorded & a copy sent to the Clerk of Quarterly Meeting.

The Nominating Committee approves the appointment of Lloyd [illegible] Arnold to the Relief Committee.

Letters have been received from the following
From Woolman Hill giving dates of 2 week end Conferences on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Work.
From Yearly Meeting regarding a Youth Seminar in Washington D.C. Mar [illegible]
From [illegible] Conference announcing a Conference on United Nations [illegible] where we are asked to send a Representative.
From the Committee for Non Violent Action asking for contributions for their [illegible].

Statistics for Smithfield at Woonsocket, R.I. Monthly Meeting for 1960

PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All Monthly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.

		Particular Meetings			Totals
1.	Number of Members last year, 12. 31. '59	94			
2.	Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report, 12. 31. '59				
3.	Additions by Birth,				
4.	Additions by Request,	1			
5.	Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,	1			
6.	Additions by Letter from another Denomination,				
7.	Total Additions,	2			
8.	Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,	1			
9.	Loss by Death, 12. 31. '59				
10.	Loss by Disownment,				
11.	Loss by Resignation,				
12.	Loss by Discontinuance,	2			
13.	Loss by Certificate to Another Friends Meeting,	1			
14.	Loss by Letter to another Denomination,				
15.	Total Loss,	4			
16.	Number of Members this year, 12. 31. '60	92			
17.	Net Gain,				
18.	Net Loss,	2			
19.	Number of Males,	36			
20.	Number of Females,	56			
21.	Number under 21 years of age,	7			
22.	Number of Associate Members,	11			
23.	Number of Associate Members Transferred to Active Membership,	5			
24.	Number of Resident Members,	55			
25.	Number of Non-Resident Members,	37			
26.	NUMBER OF ADULT RESIDENT MEMBERS,	48			
27.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY WORSHIP (ESTIMATE),	28			

PROVE ALL FIGURES AND TOTALS AS SUGGESTED BELOW.

from Fellowship of Reconciliation suggesting things that we might do to help the "Food for China Campaign".

2-24-61 A bulletin on Polaris Action with details of a three week walk for Peace beginning March 11. New England Committee for Non Violent Action are sponsors.

A letter from Clerk of Des Moines Friends Meeting enclosing a statement from Herbert Hoover concerning the search for world peace. We are asked to consider the worth of a conference of all nationalities and faiths to arouse people to the seriousness of our predicament and urgency of solution.

These communications are referred to the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns for their consideration. Their suggestions will be presented to our next Monthly Meeting. We feel that expense of Rep. should be paid, if it is decided to send one.

Those who attended the Five Years Meeting are asked to visit other Meetings. Edna Haviland + Louisa Alger are to visit Worcester and Woonsocket. If we so desire, Mar 5 is given as a tentative date. We welcome the idea of visiting Friends and with the approval of Robert N. Cook, shall advise the Friends of Cambridge Mtg. of a welcome at a future date.

A letter from Friends Book and Supply House informs us of books available, especially in the Bible Department. The New English Bible at a cost of $4.95 will soon be available.

Announcement is made of a program to acquaint Friends with achievements of the Membership Class, taught by Jane Cook. Date Mar 4 at 7:30 p.m.

The Peace + Social Concerns Committee announce a meeting (carry in supper) at 6:30 March 25 when a discussion on Race Relations will follow. These meetings are approved.

present No further business, we conclude.

Mildred R. Fisher, Clerk

On March 26, a called meeting was held at the close of the Meeting for Worship to appropriate money for a Representative to attend Friends General Conference at the U.N. April 6th & 7th. Anna de Nevers is appointed as our Representative. Our treasurer is instructed to furnish her with ($40) forty dollars for the trip.

April 7 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. April 7th instead of March 31st to allow Friends to attend Union Good Friday Service at Federated Church in Blackstone, Mass.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $177.26 on hand in General Treasury with all bills paid

The Queries are read and considered and we appoint the following and others who may attend as our Representatives to Quarterly Meeting in Worcester, Mass. April 22nd - Lauriston Smith, Laura Follett, Kenneth Strobel, Louise Taber, Leona Ewen, Russel Ross.

The report of the Sunshine Committee gives the names of Leona Ewen, Caroline Smith, Beverly Rowe, James Estes, Milita Fisher and Louise Taber as having received Get Well cards - Ruth Smith, Russel and Marion Ross - Sympathy cards - Addie Paine, Lila Smith, Ann Aldrich, Mrs. Agnes Brindle, Francis Worrall, Leona Ewen Easter cards. Sermons and church programs sent to the last six named each week. A "Thank You" note was read from Lena Brindle.

The Caretaker's report that fluorescent lights have been placed in the Sunday School rooms of gallery at an expense of $38.31. They were installed gratuitously by Andrew Corrigan. The Clerk is instructed to write a note of thanks to him. The Treasurer is authorized

4/7/61 to pay for expense incurred.

Letters received from Friends Committee on National Legislation, Central Committee for C. O's, Committee for Non Violent Action, and a letter from Cincinnati regarding the negro problems are referred to Peace and Social Concerns Committee. A letter from Finance Committee of Yearly Meeting informing us of a deficit is referred to the Fin. Committee of our Monthly Meeting.

Letters from A. F. S. C. + from Lincoln School League for Annual Giving soliciting funds are tabled at this time. The condensed Annual Report of A. F. S. C. will be placed on bulletin.

A letter from Reynolds in Hawaii encloses a certificate making Nellie Fisher, treasurer an honorary crew member of the "Phoenix", giving detailed information concerning the doings of Earle Reynolds, this will be placed on bulletin board.

Announcement of N. E. A. F. S. C. Meeting at Providence Friends Meeting House April 29 will be placed on Bulletin Board Reservation for lunch must be made by April 25.

A letter from Woonsocket Chamber of Commerce asks for Calendar of Events with names and addresses of heads of organizations. Bessie Ewen is appointed to supply these items.

A letter from Mr. + Mrs. Stanley Mowry requesting the use of the Church June 10, 1961 for the marriage of their daughter Rhoda to Frank Wood has been received. We are unanimous in granting this request.

The Report of the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting has been received from Meeting of Ministry and Counsel which will be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting.

4/7/61 The name of Robert N. Cook has been recommended to the Monthly Meeting by Meeting of Ministry and Council for official recognition as a Friends minister. This recommendation is accepted and referred back to the Meeting of Ministry and Council which body will forward a Minute to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Council for further action.

The appeal for special funds in Kenya Africa is referred to the Ladies Aid to see if they would be interested in sending the ($50) fifty dollars appropriated for Missions to this field.

Lloyd Arnold gave us some Famine Facts regarding Food for China. He had miniature bags to be filled with grain to be sent President Kennedy to bring pressure to bear with the U.S. to release stored grain or any food supplies for the starving countries.

Irene Corrigan chairman of Caretakers Committee submitted figures for painting the exterior of the Meeting House. W. Merrick Lewis suggested that some new and clean gutter and repairs be done before painting.

[illegible] Painters figures [illegible]
Atlas Painting (Cowett successor) $570.75 + $35.50
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The decision of company and the color of paint is left to the Caretakers Committee.

14 present Our business being accomplished we conclude.
Wilda H. Fisher, clerk

4-28-61 At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, R.I. April 28, 1961

In the absence of the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk presided

The Minutes of last meeting are read

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance of $180.14 in General Fund

4-28-'61 The Sunshine Committee reported Get Well cards sent to Grace & Richard McNamara and to Lila Smith, a Birthday card to Mae B. Todd, programs and radio sermons sent to shut-ins every week - Addie Paine, Lila Smith, Mrs. Brindle, Francis Worrall, Ann Aldrich

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that all but one attended.

A letter has been read from Ann Aldrich, expressing appreciation for flowers sent during her sickness

A letter and a bulletin from Friends Committee on National Legislation gives the goals for '61, listing those of primary importance. This is referred to Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

A bulletin from New England Committee for Non Violent Action is at hand, giving a calendar of future events, asks for money and encloses blanks to be filled out for Peace Walks. This is also referred to Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

Ann de Nevers read a letter from Mrs Gladys Bradley, concerning a U.N. day for Woonsocket. We suggest that the Peace and Social Concerns Committee confer with Ann de Nevers, asking her to contact the Mayor to see if the city will be interested in such a program and would be willing to send representatives to a Committee Meeting in New York

5 present Our business being concluded, we adjourn.

Bessie F. Ewen, Assistant Clerk -